

Bridgewater Township
Regular Board Meeting
February 5, 2009

Present: Carver, Faust, Mull, Oliver and Riley
Attendance: 5

DRAFT MINUTES

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. All board members were present with 4 people attending.

MOTION: Moved by Riley, seconded by Faust to approve the agenda as amended. Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Oliver to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 8, 2008. Passed

Board heard Treasurer's report. Cash Accounts hold \$ 283,027.89, Income through 12-31-08 is \$ 104,523.00, with approved expenditures of \$ 323,550.00 leaving an operating loss through December of \$ -219,027.00, which should be improved when the winter taxes go out. Treasurer reviewed the Sewer Financials with a cash account of 179,162.09 with 83,686.69 in income and a loss of -70,712.89.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident would like something done about the rat problem with their neighbor.

Supervisor updated them on the correspondence with this neighbor. This has become a chronic problem. Board discussed the lack of response from the Washtenaw County Health Department. Issue will be referred to Attorney Lucas.

A resident wants to know why the sewer bills are so high. He believes the fee is appalling that it is so high. Board is aware of the high sewer rate and it's affect upon the real estate in the Hamlet. But, with the costs continuing to rise and so few residents to spread the cost between it is becoming more difficult to control. Supervisor asked for more input from Sewer District residents at the next Sewer Committee Feb. 19th at 7:00-9:00pm. The more residents researching ways to lower costs the more probability of the Township being able to lower them.

A resident wants to know if anyone contacted the County on the allowable width of the road if the Township goes to 4 splits on a shared driveway.

Supervisor presented the Police Services Report.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

1. Sewer Updates-Tetra Tech is working with Dan Geyer and correcting the shape of the final clarifier for a more permanent fix. Most of discussion was in Citizen Participation.

2. Supervisor presented Poverty Guidelines for 2009.

MOTION: Moved by Mull seconded by Riley to approve Resolution 02-01-09 to adopt guidelines for poverty exemption for Board of Review.

Roll Call Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Oliver Y and Riley. Passed

3. Visioning-Supervisor reviewed the existing Mission Statement.

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Oliver to approve Resolution 02-02-09 affirming the Bridgewater Township Mission Statement. as amended.

Roll call Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Oliver Y and Riley Y. Passed

3. Budget –Board reviewed the budget for April 1, 2009-March 31, 2010 by line item.

4. Proposed Zoning Ordinance-Board discussed new information as presented by 2 property owners who are currently on an easement.
5. Flag pole-will discuss at the next meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Oliver to approved the Budget Amendment for February 2009.

Roll call Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Oliver Y and Riley Y. Passed

Mull left at 10:15pm.

MOTION: Moved by Riley, seconded by Oliver to pay General Account bills # 8205-8225, and payroll checks totaling \$16,012.46 and Sewer Account bills #1183-1187 for \$6,695.42.

Roll call Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Absent, Oliver Y and Riley Y. Passed

REPORTS

Minutes from the PC, SWWCOG and Joint Planning were in the Board Packets.

J. Schiel discuss the possibility of a local Emergency Management Team to aid citizens during this economic stress. He would also like the Board to address HB Resolution 645.

Being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Faust, seconded by Oliver to adjourn, Board approved, meeting was adjourned at 10:27 pm.

Cynthia J. Carver

Bridgewater Township Clerk