

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mull at 7:01 p.m. with a moment of silence/silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Manchester, MI.

Present: Supervisor Jolea Mull, Clerk Laurie Fromhart, Treasurer Amy Riley and Trustees Dave Faust and Geoff Oliver.

Attendance: 11

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Dale Embry of Sheridan Road expressed concern over the proposed special land use for a drug rehabilitation center at the High Scope facility. Embry stated the Weikart family owned and operated the facility from 1963 to 2004 as an educational summer camp for talented and gifted youth. Embry said a drug rehabilitation center would be a substantial change in the existing use and would create significant safety issues for those that live in the area.

Sarah McClimon manager of the Bridgewater Bank & Tavern submitted a letter to the Board explaining their reasons for applying for a Dance and Entertainment permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. McClimon stated the purpose of the permit is to allow dancing and weekly “water pong” tournaments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mull moved to approve the December 2, 2010 meeting minutes as amended. Riley seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

Fromhart moved to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of items #9 SMR Follow-ups, #10 WWCA update and #11 Farmland Preservation Board appointment. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Public Safety Report

Sergeant Radzik submitted a written report to the Board and reported on the law enforcement activities for the month of December 2010. Sergeant Radzik also introduced Deputy Lowe as the new deputy assigned to Bridgewater Township.

V. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Approve Disbursements from December 2, 2010 – January 6, 2011

The Board discussed the invoice submitted by Pennington for planning consultant services. Fromhart explained the circumstances surrounding TIA Corp’s special land use application and recommended that the Township’s planner not be compensated for their special land use review because the proposed use is not permitted by right or by special land use in the Agricultural District. The Board also discussed Washtenaw County Road Commission’s invoice for work

performed on Willow Road between US 12 and McCollum. The Board agreed to have the Clerk request an itemize bill from the WCRC before releasing final payment.

Faust moved to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment dated January 6, 2011.

Oliver seconded the motion. Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed. Riley moved to approve the Sewer Fund Budget Amendment dated January 6, 2011. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed. Mull moved approval to pay the monthly bills from the General and Sewer funds in the amount of \$41,186.12. Riley seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.

B. Resolution to Honor Al Wahl's Service on Board of Review

Mull presented a Joint Resolution 01-01-11 from the Bridgewater Township Board of Review and Board of Trustees to recognize and honor Alwin Wahl for his exemplary service and contributions to Bridgewater Township. The Board expressed sincere gratitude and appreciation for Wahl's 24 years of dedicated service to the Township. **Fromhart moved to approve Resolution 01-01-11 recognizing and honoring Alwin Wahl for his exemplary service and contributions to Bridgewater Township. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.**

C. Resolution to approve Dance and Entertainment Permit for Bridgewater Tavern Associates, LLC

Mull provided the Board with a copy of the local approval notice and notice of impending investigation from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) for a new dance-entertainment permit for Bridgewater Tavern Associates, LLC. Mull explained that Fromhart researched the topic and provided the board with material from the MLCC's website along with state law describing the special activity permit. Fromhart expressed concerned that the entertainment part of the permit is somewhat open ended and is not specific to any one activity. Deputy Lowe indicated he is knowledgeable in liquor control commission laws and answered several questions from the Board. Mull stated the last time she visited the establishment customers were playing "beer pong". McClimon clarified the entertainment permit is for "water pong" and they have no intention of changing the persona of Bridgewater Bank & Tavern.

Faust moved to approve Resolution 01-02-11 approving a New Dance-Entertainment permit, to be held in conjunction with 2010 Class C licensed business, located at 8452 Boettner, Bridgewater, MI 48115, Washtenaw County. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart no, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.

Fromhart stated she was not opposed to the dance permit but wanted more information regarding the entertainment permit prior to taking any action to approve it.

D. Resolution to approve 2011 Hardship Guidelines

Mull requested the Board approve the federal poverty guidelines as of December 31, 2010 to set poverty-exemption guidelines for 2011 assessments. **Faust moved to approve Resolution 01-03-11 approving the 2011 guidelines for poverty/hardship exemptions. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.**

E. Review Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool Renewal Documents (MMLLPP)

The Board reviewed the renewal documents from MMLLPP. Mull asked a series of questions of board members regarding any possible changes in the property schedule of insurance. Mull noted the contract with the Sheriff's Department may lower insurance costs. Mull indicated she will follow up with the assessor regarding any updated property appraisals.

Mull moved to advance item #9 SMR Follow-ups. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

F. SMR Follow-Ups

Chip Tokar was present representing SMR. Tokar explained that he hasn't been "on board" for the past 6 months and indicated he will be taking over for Ross Melgren. Tokar reported SMR submitted their special land use application to process recycled concrete with the Township Clerk on January 5, 2011. Fromhart confirmed she received SMR's application but noted it was submitted 2 days after the deadline date of January 3, 2011. Tokar also reported he met with Marcus McNamara for the re-inspection of the concrete on SMR's site. The Board discussed the Baker A setback encroachment and the recent email communication from McNamara regarding reclamation to the property line. Fromhart noted despite the Board's intent to permit SMR to reclaim to the property line and even though property owners granted such permission, the permission must come from the Board in writing. Fromhart recommended the Board amend the resolution passed in 2008 so it is clear that SMR has the Township's permission to reclaim to the property line. **Mull moved to amend resolution 03-01-08 to include the following language: SMR may reclaim to the property line adjacent to the Brymer and Fuchs properties. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart abstained, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.** The Board discussed the issue of gravel due to the Township and procedures followed in the past. Mull indicated she will follow up with the County and SMR in the spring to have 700 tons of gravel ~~converted to limestone~~ so that it can be delivered and applied to Township roads. The Board also discussed the current status of SMR's escrows. Faust, Oliver, and Riley indicated any outstanding escrow issues were supposed to be resolved at a meeting with Township attorney Fred Lucas, Supervisor Mull, Clerk Carver, and SMR representatives. The Board agreed to table the proposed amendment to the consent judgment pending resolution of the concrete violation.

G. Discuss History & Current Policy: Southwest Washtenaw County of Governments

The Board discussed at length the history and current policy of SWWCOG and the status of possible shared services for assessing and recycling. The overall consensus of the Board is that the purpose of SWWCOG is to share information and resources and that SWWCOG should not be making decisions that affect another's township. The Board stressed the importance of preserving local control.

H. Discuss History & Current Policy: Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission

The Board discussed at length the history and current policy of MCJPC. Mull reported the draft plan was completed on December 11, 2010 however there are still an extensive number of parking lot issues that need to be addressed. The Board had a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of remaining part of the MCJPC. The Board also discussed at length whether the Township's interests are being adequately served as part of the MCJPC. Based on the foregoing conversations and earlier conversations and reasoning of the Board Mull drafted a resolution to withdraw from the MCJPC effective immediately. **Mull moved to approve Resolution 01-04-11 to approve Bridgewater Township's withdrawal from the Manchester Community Joint**

Planning Commission. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley no. Motion passed.

I. FY 2011-2012 Budget Discussion Part 1

The Board briefly reviewed and discussed the proposed 2011-2012 fiscal year budget. The Board examined the proposed budget in part by line item and agreed to continue review and discussion at their February meeting.

J. WWCA Update

Oliver reported on the current status of the WWCA. Oliver reported that SMR is up-to-date with their Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control permit and Enzer is in compliance with the building code for property at 9840 Burmeister Rd. Oliver also reported new code books at a cost of \$800 were distributed to all inspectors and that he has been added as a check signer.

K. Farmland Preservation Board Appointment

Mull moved to appoint Ron Ellison to the Farmland Preservation Board for a two year term ending December 2012.

VI. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

Riley reported the WWRA passed its 2011 proposed budget at their December 8, 2010 meeting.

B. Clerk's Report

Fromhart reported on the Township's financials and the upcoming special election for Saline Area Schools bonding proposal.

C. Written Reports

Board packets included reports from the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Board of Review, SWWCOG, and MCJPC.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Judy Klager expressed concern over the number of Enzer's magazines on her neighbor's property.

David Reynhout introduced himself as District Representative for Mark Ouimet and indicated he plans to attend every Township Board meeting and will provide a report to Ouimet after each meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Riley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 p.m. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.