

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mull at 1:17 p.m. 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 Trustee Dave Faust.

Absent: Trustee Geoff Oliver.

Attendance: 3

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no public comments.

III. PRIORITY BUSINESS

1. Board of Review Appointment

Mull informed the Board that she interviewed three candidates, Henry Jordan, Chris Brown and Wes Cowden, for the Board of Review position to fill the vacancy of John Porter. Mull reported that Jordan and Brown both have experience in real estate. Mull indicated Jordan previously served on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and Brown is a current member of the Planning Commission. Mull reported that Brown said he is willing to serve if no one else is available or interested. Mull reported that Cowden attends board meetings regularly and has a background in construction and has a good understanding of the tone of the community. Mull added that Cowden is very articulate, has shown an interest in the Township, and also attends SWWCOG meetings. Mull expressed that she felt Cowden would make a good fit on the Board of Review. Riley reported her husband Will Riley is very much interested in serving but is currently unavailable due to starting a new job. Riley suggested another time in the future may be a better to appoint him such as when Louise St. Clair retires in 2 years. **Mull moved to appoint Wes Cowden to the Board of Review to fulfill the remainder of John Porter's term ending December 2012. Fromhart seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Riley yes. Motion passed. Mull moved to appoint Henry Jordan as an alternate member on the Board of Review for a 2 year term ending December 2012. Riley seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.**

2. To discuss the Township's wastewater treatment plant and relevant legal issues with special counsel Paul Burns and Township attorney Frederick Lucas.

Mull moved to go into closed session to receive a written attorney-client privilege opinion pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). Fromhart seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Riley yes. Motion passed. The Board adjourned to closed session at 1:30 p.m. The Board reconvened from closed session at 2:25 p.m. **Mull moved to return to open session of the special meeting. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

3. To discuss procedures for refinancing the Township's sewer bonds pursuant to Public Act 321 of 2010, [MCL 141.2611 \(HB 5550\)](#).

Fromhart reported a new law just recently passed that may allow the Township to refinance their sewer bonds. The Board asked Township attorney Lucas to research the issue and provide an opinion to the Board. Riley

indicated she would send Township attorney Lucas a copy of the sewer bonds. ~~also follow up with the auditors and Day Meyers to find out if the Township was eligible to refinance the sewer bonds.~~

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no public comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Riley moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. Mull seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

APPROVED