

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Mull at 7:05 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. Supervisor announced she called this special meeting in accordance with the Public Act 267 of 1676 as amended (the Open Meetings Act), being posted at the Bridgewater Township Hall on April 3, 2011. The purpose of the meeting is to host representatives from the Washtenaw County Road Commission to discuss the 2010 Annual Report and the 2011 Annual Local Road Program.

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

Absent: Treasurer Amy Riley.

Also Present: Steve Puuri WCRC Managing Director, Ed Reed WCRC Director of Operations, and Dan Schultz WCRC District Forman.

Attendance: 1

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment.

III. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. WCRC 2010 Annual Report and 2011 Annual Local Road Program

Steve Puuri introduced the 2011 Annual Meeting Booklet . Puuri summarized the 2011 WCRC budget with an expected decrease of approximately 3% in Michigan Transportation Funds. Puuri reported on the matching funds program for 2010 and 2011. Reed summarized the Township's 2010 activities for primary and local roads which included routine, winter, traffic, and other maintenance. Reed reported mill and overlay was applied to Austin Road east of Ernst Road and west of Schneider Road, and chip seal was applied to Clinton Road from Austin Road to the Lenawee County line. For local road projects ditching, berming, and limestone was done on Willow Road between US-12 to McCollum Road, and drainage improvements were done on Hogan Road at Wilbur Road. The WCRC also replaced crossroad culverts on Lima Center, Willow Road, and Kies Road.

Puuri reported on the federal aid eligible paved primary roads and preventative maintenance projects for 2011. Puuri indicated 2.5 million of federal aid is allotted to urban boundary roads while only \$400,000 is allotted to rural roads countywide. Mull noted according to the federal aid map Austin Road at Boettner Road is eligible for federal aid. Puuri reported that portion of the roadway will need to be reconstructed at a cost of approximately \$700,000 and there are not enough federal aid funds to repair the road at this time. Puuri recommended the Board request this road be added to the WCRC's Planned Capital Investments.

Mull reported she received weigh master complaints from businesses in the Hamlet. Mull said one business owner felt they were being harassed. Faust reported he also received complaints from business owners because the weigh master spent all day in the Hamlet. Puuri reported they have two seasonal weigh masters which are deputized and trained. Puuri said spring time weight restrictions are in place and they are not obligated to mark the roads and only have to put the information on their website. Puuri indicated the Township can pass a weight ordinance which would allow the Township to collect a third of the fines imposed.

Schultz reported on the proposed 2011 local road projects which include Township wide limestone or gravel and ditching. Schultz presented the 2011 dust control material options and projected costs per application. Fromhart questioned why Allen Road is receiving a third pass of dust control when there are no homes on that section of roadway. Faust said it's because Allen Road is so wide and to hold the road together. Fromhart requested an additional third pass of dust control be applied on Hogan Road from Allen Road to the old entrance of the gravel pit. Fromhart reported that portion of the roadway is approximately 28 feet wide and only receives 18 feet wide of brine application which is not effective due to the road being widened by the county and from past gravel truck activity.

Schultz also reported on the private order dust control program. Puuri reported the bridge on Bemis Road is in critical condition and Freedom Township is interested in sharing the cost for repairs. Puuri also reported on traffic counts in the Township which are down from previous years.

Faust reported he has received several complaints from Dennis Wilkin on Braun Road who would like to see more gravel placed at the end of the road. Faust also asked the WCRC to pick up their blades when they snow plow so the gravel is not thrown to the side of the road.

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ron Raab commented about his petition to designate Bemis Road a natural beauty road. The Board and WCRC briefly discussed the guidelines for natural beauty roads and the concerns expressed by residents regarding St. Aidan's special land use application.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Faust moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Fromhart
Bridgewater Township Clerk