

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly 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.

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

Attendance: 11

**II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Cliff Sheldon with the Ann Arbor State Bank commented that they deal with several townships and would like the opportunity to ~~deal~~-do business with Bridgewater Township.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mull moved to approve the December 1, 2011 meeting minutes. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

Fromhart moved to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of item #9 Michigan Municipal League application. Riley seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

**Public Safety Report**

Dieter Heren with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department reported on the proposed 4 year contract (2012-2015) for police services. Heren indicated revisions were made to Exhibit A of the contract to address concerns and issues raised by the township's attorney. Dieter reported the township attorney added language that explains why there is no exact number of hours listed for deputy presence in the township. The additional language makes it clear the exact number of hours and the times of the day are intentionally omitted in order to provide greater flexibility in meeting the needs of the township. In addition, to address the issue of termination in the event of a millage failure, additional language was inserted to give the township the right to file a contingent rescission notice in the event the millage is defeated in November. The township attorney has recommended that a contingent notice of termination be submitted soon after the contract is signed, and that the contingent notice should state in the event the millage is defeated the Township police contract shall be terminated effective December 31, 2012.

Sergeant Radzik submitted a written report to the Board. Sergeant Filipiak was present and reported on the law enforcement activities for the month of December 2011. Filipiak also reported on the annual bid for 2012 staffing and two recent suicides in the township.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Stansley Mineral Resources Baker A Mineral Extraction License Renewal**

Mull reported the SMR Baker A mineral extraction license is up for renewal and the planning commission has recommended approval. Fromhart reported notice of the public hearing was published in the Clinton Local and Manchester Enterprise on December 22, 2011 and notice of the public hearing was sent to 36 property owners on December 19, 2011. Fromhart noted she forwarded SMR's application, consultant review comments, and

the public hearing record to the board last month. Fromhart distributed a copy of Fuch's written public hearing comments that was received by the planning commission. Mull spoke to the issue of emergency hours and the need to notify residents when emergency hours are granted. **Tokar agreed that SMR would notify residents of emergency hours in the future.** Fromhart reported the township engineers' have recommended as a condition of approval property owners are to be notified by SMR prior to granting emergency hours.

Tokar presented SMR's application to renew their mineral extraction license for the Baker A parcel. Tokar explained all mining is complete and there are three main updates to the reclamation plan. Tokar indicated the reclamation schedule has been adjusted to include final shaping of cells 1, 2, and 3; final shaping of the pond to be completed by December 31, 2012; and to finish grading, seeding, and mulching on or before December 31, 2013. Tokar reported they are requesting a change to the proposed final grading along the southern portion of the western property boundary to a less steep slope and more gradual slope at the request of the Baker's. Tokar also reported they are revising the pond elevation based upon measurements made during the last few years of recorded data. The board asked Tokar a series of questions pertaining to the renewal application. Fromhart noted that SMR will need to amend their SESC permit.

**Mull moved to open the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. Riley seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.** There were no public comments. **Mull moved to close the public hearing at 7:48 p.m. Mull moved to approve renewal of Stansley Mineral Resources Baker A Mineral Extraction License for a period of 5 years subject to amendment of their soil erosion and sedimentation control permit as required. Riley seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.**

## **V. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

### **A. Approve Disbursements from December 2, 2011 – January 5, 2012**

Fromhart reported she received another bill from the Village of Manchester for the township's portion of the WATS membership. Mull said she sent Ron Mann several emails to find out whether SWWCOG by-laws has the authority to bind the township for the payment into WATS, and has not received an answer to date. Mull noted some of the members don't recall if SWWCOG by-laws even exist, and she was not able to locate SWWCOG by-laws in the supervisor's files. Mull said if by-laws do in fact exist she doesn't believe they would bind the township. Mull said she foresees SWWCOG membership voting to do just that or asking the township to step aside from belonging to SWWCOG. Mull indicated she would support not paying the bill until the issue is resolved with SWWCOG leadership. Fromhart indicated she would contact the Village treasurer to apprise her of the situation. **Mull moved to approve the monthly disbursements from the General and Sewer funds in the amount of \$39,557.16. Riley seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.**

### **B. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Contract 2012-2015**

Mull indicated the board needs to decide if it wants to contract with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department for police services. Mull said if the answer is yes then the board needs to decide if it is satisfied with the township attorney's suggested changes in the language of the contract. Mull said she researched the option of a utilizing a township constable and found out through MTA that only 10% of townships use constables which have limited responsibilities. Mull said she received one response from Wawatam Township that reported they are in the process of doing away with their constable position prior to the next election. Mull said she made sure SWWCOG and the MLB collaboration was satisfied with the response time data provided by the sheriff's department regarding contracted units versus non-contracted units. Riley commented she supports the contract because the taxpayers have voted in favor of police services. **Riley moved to approve the Washtenaw County police services contract with the amendment to exhibit A for deputy presence and township millage passage/failure clauses from 2012 through 2015 draft dated January 5, 2012. Oliver**

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

**C. Resolution 01-01-12 to Honor Louise St. Clair**

Mull reported Louise St. Clair has resigned from the Board of Review effective December 31, 2011, and that she prepared a resolution to honor and recognize her service to the township. **Fromhart moved to approve resolution 01-01-12 to honor Louise St. Clair for her 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.** Mull noted she would forward the resolution to St. Clair.

**D. Uniform Traffic Code**

Mull provided the board with a proposed ordinance for adopting the Uniform Traffic Code. Mull said she had the township attorney review two ordinances recommended by MTA and Lucas has recommended this ordinance because it is more suited for a rural community. Mull reported notifying the county can be handled administratively. **Mull moved to adopt ordinance #65 Traffic Regulations and Enforcement Ordinance. Faust seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Mull yes, Oliver yes, Riley yes. Motion passed.**

**E. Budget Part 1: General Fund**

The board reviewed and discussed at length the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year budget. The board examined the proposed budget in part by line item, made necessary adjustments, and agreed to continue review and discussion at their February meeting.

**F. Sewer Follow-ups**

Mull reported the township attorney is working on a response to the MDEQ and the complaint against Tetra Tech has been filed and sent for service. Faust reported the furnace for the accessory building needs a new heat exchanger and may have been damaged from condensation forming on the vent pipe and dripping down into the furnace. Faust said he is unsure if the Lenox warranty will cover the damage and noted the cost of a heat exchanger plus labor to install it will be very expensive. Faust said the board may want to consider less expensive options for heating the building. Oliver recommended a vent-less propane wall heater. Faust indicated it may be beneficial at this time to consider insulating and heating the garage as well so sewer equipment and supplies can be stored there. Faust said he would report back to the board at their February meeting to consider costs for repairs to the furnace plus costs to insulate the garage.

**G. Townhall Updates**

Fromhart reported the board needs to develop a policy on hall rental, and that she has to follow-up again with MBS regarding installation of the basement windows. Fromhart also reported she has not received a response from the state regarding the polling place improvement grant, and that she purchased paint samples for the board to consider.

**H. Newsletter**

Mull reported she will be working on the newsletter next week and asked board members to provide her with articles by January 10, 2012.

**I. Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool Renewal Application**

Mull reported she received the MMLLPP renewal application and asked Faust how many miles of sewer line are in the township.

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

No report.

**B. Clerk's Report**

Fromhart reported on the status of the upcoming presidential primary election. Financials were included in the board's packets.

**C. Supervisor's Report**

No report.

**D. Written Reports**

Board packets included reports from the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission.

**VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There was no public comments.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Faust moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Fromhart  
Bridgewater Township Clerk