

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Smith at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Manchester, MI.

Present: Supervisor Ronald Smith, Clerk Laurie Fromhart, Treasurer Michelle McQueer and Trustees David Faust and Wes Cowden.

Attendance: 4

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Faust moved to approve the May 1, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. Smith seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Smith moved to approve the May 22, 2014 meeting minutes as drafted. McQueer seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

McQueer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Public Safety Report

The Board received a written report from the Sheriff's Department on law enforcement activities for the month of April 2014.

V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE

A. Treasurer's Report

McQueer submitted a written report to the Board.

B. Clerk's Report

Fromhart reported the draft master plan document was distributed to adjacent communities on May 5th, she attended the Tetra Tech meeting on May 22nd, and the Township audit was held on May 29th and 30th. Fromhart reported the ballots for the August primary have been proofed and ordered, and absent voter ballot applications have been mailed to all permanent absentee voters. Fromhart also reported she learned the City of Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Augusta, Superior and Pittsfield townships all require sewer connection fees be paid before a building permit is issued with the exception of Sylvan township which requires payment prior to grinder pump start-up or C of O.

C. Supervisor's Report

Smith reported on the Tetra Tech meeting held on May 22nd, provided the Board with test results and noted Tetra Tech has acknowledged that Xela Pack is not overloading the plant. Smith reported Tetra Tech is scheduled to fix the plants' skimmers on June 6th and then will be flipping sides and running the plant on the east drain. Smith also reported the plant exceeded its permit limits for phosphorus, total suspended solids and dissolved oxygen during the month of May. Smith reported he will be sending a note to the MDEQ on the latest

changes to the plant along with the recent test results. Smith also reported he plans to send out a newsletter with the summer tax bills and requested Board members to send their articles to him by June 20th.

D. Trustees' Report

Faust reported Dan Schultz WCRC District Foreman would like to meet to decide on road improvement projects. After a brief discussion Faust agreed to meet with Schultz as the Supervisor's designee to determine road drainage projects and to bring back proposals with estimated costs for the Board's approval.

E. Written Reports

Board packets included reports from the Assessor, Zoning Administrator, and Planning Commission. Horney reported on the May 12th Planning Commission meeting and Rider updated the Board on recent assessment activities in the Township.

VI. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Approve Disbursements from May 2, 2014 through June 5, 2014

Smith moved to pay the monthly disbursements from the general and sewer funds in the amount of \$22,118.86. Cowden seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cowden yes, Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

B. Assessor's Contract

Rider presented her 3 year contract to the Board and noted the contract is divided into different areas so it is more comparable to other jurisdictions but still has everything the previous contract had in it. Rider reported the contract now reflects a flat rate instead of a per parcel charge with a \$50 annual increase. **McQueer moved to accept Clayton and Mary Rider's Assessing Services Contract as presented. Cowden seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cowden yes, Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.**

C. D. O. WWTP project

Smith requested Board approval for the WWTP dissolved oxygen abatement fix proposed by Tom Allbaugh of Tetra Tech that was not part of the plant's original design. **McQueer moved to authorize the Supervisor to spend an amount not to exceed \$1300 for the dissolved oxygen fix proposed by Tetra Tech. Faust seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cowden yes, Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.**

D. Urban County Cooperative Agreement Extension

The Board briefly discussed the agreement extension and agreed to remain as members.

E. Riverbend Preserve Status

Smith reported he received drawings 2 ~~weeks~~ days ago from the County showing the Dindoffer property with a proposed trail connecting the Riverbend Preserve and on June 3rd received the County's proposed first amendment to the consent judgment from the Township attorney. Smith indicated he would like the Board to be able to make a decision on the proposed amendment at their July meeting.

F. Acceptance of Wes Cowden's resignation as Trustee

Cowden thanked the community for allowing him to serve and thanked the Board for working with him but indicated for personal and physical reasons he can no longer continue to serve in the capacity of Trustee. Cowden submitted his resignation letter to the Board. **Fromhart moved to accept Trustee Wes Cowden's resignation with regret effective at the end of the Board meeting on June 5, 2014. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

G. Nomination for replacement of Trustee position

Smith reported former Trustee Geoff Oliver is interested in fulfilling the remainder of Trustee Cowden's term but wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting. Fromhart reported Brad Kendall was present and also expressed an interest in serving as trustee. Fromhart noted the Board has 45 days to appoint someone and it has been the Board's practice to advertise a vacancy and conduct interviews.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident commented he is struggling to understand why the Board is considering amending the Riverbend Preserve Consent Judgment and questioned why the Board is not advertising the trustee position to find out if there is anyone else interested in serving.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Cowden moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Fromhart
Bridgewater Township Clerk