

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 Geoff Oliver.

Also Present: Planning Commissioners David Horney and Thomas Wharam and Planning Consultant Rodney Nanney

Attendance: 1

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident informed the Board that a meet and greet with Pam Byrnes candidate for the 7th Congressional District will be held on October 15, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Clinton Inn.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McQueer moved to approve the September 4, 2014 meeting minutes as drafted. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

Smith moved to amend the agenda to add items #4 Vershum Farms LLC PA 116 Application and # 5 Election Signs. Fromhart seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Smith adjourned the regular Board meeting and opened the joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

Joint Meeting Planning Commission: Master Plan

Horney reported the Planning Commission received all public comments and acknowledgements of receipt from surrounding communities regarding the proposed master plan. Horney noted no significant public questions or comments were received other than a comment regarding the proposed community park in the Hamlet. The Board discussed the Hamlet Development Concept regarding the community park and the consensus and recommendation from the Board was to remove the park from the plan due to issues with Township liability and maintenance costs. The Board also recommended that new roads in the concept plan be identified as private roads. The Board discussed the zoning plan, land use maps, community character, non-motorized transportation, senior services, historic properties, code enforcement and addressed other housekeeping items throughout the document.

Smith closed the joint meeting and reopened the regular Board meeting.

Public Safety Report

The sheriff's department submitted a written report to the Board on the law enforcement activities for the month of August 2014.

V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE

A. Treasurer's Report

McQueer submitted a written report to the Board.

B. Clerk's Report

Fromhart reported she attended the Tetra Tech meeting on September 12th and the Planning Commission's public hearing notice for the SLU application for a home occupation was published in the newspaper on September 25th and notification letters were mailed to all property owners within 300 feet. Fromhart reported she attended the County Clerk's meeting on September 24th, performed the preliminary accuracy test for the general election and noted 119 absent voter ballots have been issued to date. Fromhart also reported the election commission met tonight and appointed the election inspectors and receiving board and scheduled the public accuracy test for October 15th at 5:00 p.m. for the November 4th general election.

C. Supervisor's Report

Smith reported address issues with the Manchester post office continues and that a meeting was held with the district representative to try to reach a resolution. Smith also reported he and McQueer attended the Rover pipeline meeting in Dexter Township and provided the Board with a copy of a resolution of opposition from Lima Township. Smith noted he will continue to attend meetings regarding the proposed pipeline.

D. Trustees' Report

Faust reported the Township needs the instructions and specifications on the air relief valves for the sewer's collection system so they can be serviced and maintained. Horney reported the aeration tank for the sewer plant is scheduled to be delivered on October 15th.

E. Written Reports

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

VI. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Approve Disbursements from September 5, 2014 – October 2, 2014

Smith moved to pay the monthly bills from the general and sewer funds in the total amount of \$15,771.34. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

B. Snow Removal Bids

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed bids from Felip's M&D Auto Service, Inc. and Elite Yard Services, Inc. for snow removal. McQueer recommended entering into a contract with the Bridgewater Depot to lease space for the recycling bins so the Township would no longer be responsible for snow removal.

McQueer moved to produce a contract to lease space from ~~Dan Helber~~ Bridgewater Depot for the recycling bins for the amount of \$450. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed. The Board decided to defer discussion on snow removal to consider more bids at their November meeting.

C. Tetra Tech Settlement Agreement Amendment

Smith reported a meeting was held with Tetra Tech on September 12th and as a result the proposed amendment to the settlement agreement is before the Board for consideration. The Board discussed the proposed amendment and Tetra Tech's recent proposed changes to the sewer plant. **Oliver moved to approve the amendment to the Tetra Tech Settlement Agreement as presented. McQueer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.**

D. Vershum Farms LLC PA 116 Application

Smith moved to approve the Vershum Farms LLC PA 116 application for 30 acres located in section 21 of Bridgewater Township. McQueer seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

E. Election Signs

Fromhart reported new outdoor election signs are needed to mark no campaigning within 100 feet of the township hall. **Smith moved to authorize Clerk Fromhart to purchase election signs for an amount not to exceed \$200. Faust seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.**

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Fromhart
Bridgewater Township Clerk