

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

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 Geoffrey Oliver.

Attendance: 5

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident expressed concern about the lack of police coverage in the Township and asked the Board to consider a police millage proposal for more police support in the upcoming elections.

A resident asked if the Township has no 24 hour contract with the county perhaps residents could call the sheriff's department in Manchester in cases of emergency.

A resident asked if her sister's cremains could be buried on the family's existing grave site.

A resident thanked the Township supervisor for following up with the WCRC regarding the placement of limestone on Schwab Road.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Smith moved to approve the August 6, 2015 meeting minutes as drafted. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

Fromhart moved to approve the agenda as amended changing item #4 to Civil Infractions Bureau Discussion and adding item #6 Miss Dig Membership. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Public Safety Report

The Sheriff's Department submitted a written report to the Board on the law enforcement activities for the month of July 2015.

V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE

A. Treasurer's Report

McQueer reported summer taxes are due September 14th and new coupons were mailed to all sewer customers along with an advisory letter from the Township supervisor, and a list of do's and don'ts in cases of emergency.

B. Clerk's Report

Fromhart reported the Election Commission met tonight and approved precinct consolidation with the City of Saline for the November 3rd special election. Fromhart noted she will be mailing postcards to all residents within the Saline Area School District notifying them of the change in the polling location. Fromhart also reported the auditor will be attending the Board's October meeting to present the audit report.

C. Supervisor's Report

Smith reported the grating over the top of the WWTP's is near completion however the one clarifier continues to leak at a rate of 4 gallons per minute. Smith noted the plant operator has switched clarifiers to see if he can find the leak. Smith also reported the WWTP had no permit failures for the month of July.

D. Trustees' Report

Oliver reported the WWCA's financials are looking good for the year with numbers in the positive again for the second quarter.

E. Written Reports

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

VI. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Approve Disbursements from August 7, 2015 – September 3, 2015

Oliver moved to pay the monthly bills from the general and sewer funds in the total amount of \$45,252.52. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

B. Parking Lot Discussion

The Board discussed Jon Way's list of proposed parking lot improvements and drawing dating back from 2005. The Board discussed using the 1300 tons of gravel that is due to the Township from GS Materials LLC and converting it to limestone to improve the parking lot. After further discussion Trustees Faust and Oliver agreed to provide the Board with a parking lot improvement plan for the October meeting.

C. Cemetery Discussion

The Board discussed a resident's request to bury her sister's cremains on top of an existing family grave site. Fromhart noted the Township has no policy or cemetery ordinance that regulates such requests and the last recorded burial was in 1974. McQueer reported there is no state statute governing Township cemeteries and that it is up to the local jurisdiction regarding regulations. The Board agreed to give permission for the burial provided the relative can furnish the Township with a letter granting authority to bury the cremains on top of the family grave site.

D. Civil Infractions Bureau Discussion

Smith reported the Treasurer has to establish rules for the bureau now that the Board has formally adopted the ordinance.

E. Zoning Fees Discussion

The Board agreed to postpone discussion to next month.

F. Miss Dig Membership

Fromhart moved to approve the Miss Dig membership and associated fees and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the membership agreement. Oliver 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

Fromhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Fromhart
Bridgewater Township Clerk

APPROVED