

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Smith at 7:05 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: 7

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident inquired if her late husband could be buried in the Bridgewater Center Cemetery because the cemetery where he is currently buried doesn't allow raised headstones and she would like to have him closer to home.

A resident asked about the current status of the Bemis Road Bridge.

[A concerned neighbor submitted a letter and photographs to the Board regarding GS Materials LLC gravel pit operation.](#)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Smith moved to approve the April 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes as amended. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

Fromhart moved to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Auditor's Engagement Letter and Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension. 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 March 2016.

V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE

A. Treasurer's Report

No report.

B. Clerk's Report

Fromhart submitted a written report to the Board. Fromhart requested Board approval for the additional cost of the new town hall chairs. **Oliver moved to approve the additional cost of \$300 for the new town hall chairs. Fromhart seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, Smith yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes. Motion passed.** Fromhart requested Board approval to purchase food for election workers during the November 8th election per MTA's opinion. **McQueer moved to authorize the Clerk to spend up to \$50 to purchase food for election workers during the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election. Smith seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

C. Supervisor's Report

Smith reported Lyndon and Dexter Townships are considering a millage to pay for the installation of fiber optic cable to provide broadband services to their residents. Smith noted they are currently conducting feasibility studies to determine the costs and if the studies are successful a millage proposal will be placed on the August 2nd ballot.

D. Trustees' Report

Faust reported a new grinder pump was installed at one of the Finkbeiner condominiums without Township inspection. Smith indicated he would follow up with Finkbeiner about having the Township inspect the installation of the new grinder pump.

E. Written Reports

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

VI. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Approve Disbursements from April 8, 2016 to May 5, 2016

Smith moved to pay the monthly bills from the general and sewer funds in the total amount of \$42,348.69. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

B. Bemis Road Bridge

Smith reported on the April 19th Bemis Road bridge meeting, and that the WCRC has agreed to do preliminary engineering to better determine the costs. Smith also reported the drain commission has indicated a willingness to contribute a third of the costs toward the project. **Smith moved that the Board is in favor of moving forward with the Bemis Road bridge replacement project with one third of funds coming each from WCRC, WCWRC, and Bridgewater and Freedom Townships. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

C. WCRC 2016 Drainage Matching Funds

Fromhart moved to approve the 2016 Bridgewater Township Second Agreement with the Washtenaw County Road Commission for Township-wide Drainage Improvements. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

D. Planning Commission Public Hearing, Ordinance Amendment

Smith reported he placed this item on the agenda for informational purposes only and that the public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment is scheduled before the Planning Commission on May 9th.

E. WWTP Air Valves

Board discussed Tetra Tech's report regarding the location and condition of the air relief valves and agreed it was better to replace the valves instead of trying to repair them. Board also discussed the estimated costs to perform the work plus the cost of the valves.

F. Auditor's Engagement Letter

The Board noted the auditor's engagement letter didn't include a cost for services and agreed to defer the matter to next month. Fromhart indicated she would follow up with the auditor to obtain an updated letter with cost for services.

G. Metro Act Right of Way Extension Permit

Fromhart moved to approve the Metro Act Right of Way Extension Permit. Faust seconded the motion. Motion carried with McQueer opposed.

VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident asked the Board to explain the proposed funding agreements to replace the Bemis Road Bridge.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Fromhart
Bridgewater Township Clerk

APPROVED