

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

2-Feb-17 meeting called to order by Supervisor Fromhart at 7:09 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Manchester, MI.

Present: Supervisor Laurie Fromhart; Clerk Tom Wharam; Treasurer Michelle McQueer;
Trustee David Faust; Trustee Geoffrey Oliver

Citizen attendance: 9

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A citizen asked about internet access, offered to help

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the 5-Jan-17 meeting minutes as amended – Mr. Faust; support – Mr. Oliver; Vote – unanimous

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented – Mr. Oliver; support – Ms. McQueer; Vote – unanimous

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

Motion to appoint Mr. Wharam to the ZBA for a 3-year term ending 31-Dec-19 - Ms. Fromhart; support Mr. Oliver; Vote – unanimous

B. Planning Commission Appointments

Ms. Fromhart nominates Mr. Faust as board rep; Mr. Faust would do it if Mr. Horney were on PC; Mr. Oliver said that he would do it if Mr. Horney were on PC

Ms. Fromhart nominates Kathy Beaton for PC; Ms. McQueer suggested that the issue with Mr. Horney be on the PC

C. WWTP Submersible Sewage Pump Quote

Dan Geyer would like to have a spare; Ms. McQueer suggested using the new pump and storing an old pump;

Motion to purchase replacement pump NS3102 for total cost of \$10,052.00 from Kennedy industries - Mr. Oliver; support - Mr. Faust

David Faust – yes Laurie Fromhart – yes Michelle McQueer – yes

Geoffrey Oliver – yes Tom Wharam – yes

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. River Raisin Watershed Council 2017 Membership

Karlie Krass – meet same night as board meeting; \$167 is not a large fee; got out when there was nothing to gain

Motion to pay 2017 membership due of \$167.00 Mr. Oliver; support - Mr. Faust; vote unanimous

B. Financials, Approve Disbursements from 2-Dec-16 through 31-Dec-16

Clinton fire runs were \$5000 for 1st quarter; \$12,350 for overage; Mr. Faust will ask Clinton for an explanation; hold \$12,350

Motion to make budget amendment; \$858 (drains at large) & \$418 (roads); for a total of \$1276 – Ms. Fromhart; support - Ms. McQueer;

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David Faust – yes Laurie Fromhart – yes Michelle McQueer – yes
Geoffrey Oliver – yes Tom Wharam – yes

Ms. Fromhart did not get a copy of the gravel pit license from Mr. Lucas;
Motion to approve disbursements of \$21,142.07-Mr. Oliver; support - Mr. Wharam
David Faust – yes Laurie Fromhart – yes Michelle McQueer – yes
Geoffrey Oliver – yes Tom Wharam – yes

C. Farmland Preservation Board Appointments

Ms. Fromhart recommends Remy Long, Grant Howard and Dan McQueer for a 2-year term ending 31-Dec-18

Ms. Fromhart recommends Mr. Faust and Marcie Scaturo for a 1-year term ending 31-Dec-17

Mr. Faust said that we should have a farmer; Grant Howard said he is a farmer, so is Dan McQueer

Motion to appoint Grant Howard for a 2-year term ending 31-Dec-18 - Ms. Fromhart; support - Ms. McQueer vote - unanimous

Motion to appoint Dan McQueer for a 2-year term ending 31-Dec-18 - Ms. Fromhart; support - Mr. Oliver vote – 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain

Motion to appoint Mr. Faust and Marcie Scaturo for a 1-year term ending 31-Dec-17 – Ms. Fromhart; support - Mr. Oliver; vote - unanimous

D. Planning Commission Ordinance #64 Amendment

Move to accept amendment to Ordinance #64, ordinance #64-1 - Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Faust

David Faust – yes Laurie Fromhart – yes Michelle McQueer – yes
Geoffrey Oliver – yes Tom Wharam – yes

E. Revise Government Website Proposal

Do not have a contract; original price was \$800

F. 2017-2018 Budget Review – Schedule Public Hearing – March 2, 2017

Don't have to have a balanced budget; cannot have a deficit

Bemis road bridge is a large expense, Ms. Fromhart is pushing for metal culvert instead of concrete boxed bridgeculvert; do not have for a total-final cost as of yet \$280,000

Reviewed proposed budget; need information on fire cost, Bemis Rd, PC consulting fees

Talked about general appropriations act, state act already covers most of this, Fromhart stated statute requires adoption of general appropriations act

Sewer budget is not required but a good idea, will keep the same

G. 2017 Proposed Road Projects

WCRC would like a response by 8-Feb-17; could okay brine; usually get a formal proposal

Motion to approve conventional and drainage match road projects as estimated 2017 season \$27,951 – Mr. Oliver support - Mr. Wharam; vote - vote - unanimous

VII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE

A. Public Safety Report

The sheriff's office report was not received

B. Supervisor's Report

Ms. Fromhart reported:

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- WCRC Mtg. – 0.5 mil goes to primary (Austin & Ernst) for 2018
- WATS – Non-Motorized Transportation
- Soil Erosion – must have DEQ approved
- Solar Farms
- MMMA

C. Clerk's Report

Mr. Wharam reported:

- Bonding insurance is increasing because all bonds must be for \$100,000 each employee
- We must be careful not to violate the Open Meetings Act
- Attended elections training
- New IRS mileage rate of \$0.535
- Will need to purchase new voting equipment; should budget \$2000; maybe some this year, some next; will get more complete information when talking with county clerk
- All employees must fill out new I9 forms
- The Washtenaw County Road Commission will TEMPORARILY SUSPEND the Seasonal Weight Restrictions effective 6 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017

D. Treasurer's Report

Ms. McQueer submitted a written report to the board and it is on record

Motion to approve Bridgewater Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau - Ms. Fromhart; support - Mr. Faust; vote – unanimous

Spring cleanup – proposed 8-Apr-17

Motion to approve spring clean for 8-Apr-17 with a budget of \$5000 – Mr. Oliver; support – Mr. Faust; vote - unanimous

E. Trustees' Report

Mr. Faust:

- Mr. Finkbiner @113 Joann need grinder pump after they pay previous balance

Mr. Oliver:

- WW building authority; interviewing for building inspector & building official; Motion to approve Doug Parr for building official; 3 days/week; 2 hours/day; \$35/hour – Mr. Oliver; support - Ms. McQueer; vote – unanimous
Still looking for a building inspector

F. Assessor's Report

Mary Rider submitted a written report to the board and it is on record

G. Zoning Administrator's Report

Rodney Nanney submitted a written report to the board and it is on record

H. Planning Commission

No meeting in January due to lack of quorum

I. Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes are included in the Board packets

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VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Fromhart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

APPROVED