

Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

5-Mar-20 meeting called to order by Supervisor Fromhart at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Manchester, MI.

Present: Trustee Faust; Trustee Fromhart; Trustee McQueer; Trustee Oliver; Trustee Wharam

Absent: None

Citizen attendance: 5

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Jacob Mann, expand race in Bridgewater Township on 1-Aug-20, adding 10K & 13.1 mile; don't need sheriff approval or permit due to size; no road closure; turn on Eisman, north of Bemis; about 500 people, most running 5K

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the 6-Feb-19 meeting minutes as presented – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

- Motion to approve the agenda as presented – Mr. Faust; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

V. PRESENTATION OF 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A. Public Hearing

- Open public hearing at 7:14
- No public comment
- Close public hearing at 7:15
- There was discussion with adjustments made accordingly

B. Township Officers Salary Resolutions

- Mr. Wharam objected to the lack of pay differential between the treasurer and clerk vs. the supervisor
- Ms. Fromhart said that a salary board will be formed next year
- Motion to approve supervisor's salary; resolution number 2020-03 – Mr. Oliver; support – Mr. Faust
 - Roll call vote:

Trustee Faust – yes	Trustee Fromhart – yes	Trustee McQueer – no
Trustee Oliver - yes	Trustee Wharam - no	
- Motion to approve clerk's salary; resolution number 2020-04 – Mr. Oliver; support – Mr. Faust
 - Roll call vote:

Trustee Faust – yes	Trustee Fromhart – yes	Trustee McQueer – no
Trustee Oliver - yes	Trustee Wharam - no	
- Motion to approve treasurer's salary; resolution number 2020-05 – Mr. Oliver; support – Mr. Faust; vote – unanimous
 - Roll call vote:

Trustee Faust – yes	Trustee Fromhart – yes	Trustee McQueer – abstain
Trustee Oliver - yes	Trustee Wharam - no	

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- Motion to approve trustee’s salary; resolution number 2020-06 as amended to \$2448 each – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Wharam
 - Roll call vote:

Trustee Faust – yes	Trustee Fromhart – yes	Trustee McQueer – no
Trustee Oliver - yes	Trustee Wharam - no	

C. Compensation Increase for Appointed Officials

- Motion to approve increases for appointed officials – Mr. Oliver; support – Ms. McQueer; vote – unanimous

D. General Appropriations Act Resolution

- Ms. McQueer objected to the wording of Section 2 which gives the supervisor chief administrative officer duties
- Motion to approve general appropriations act; resolution number 2020-07 as amended– Mr. Faust; support –Mr. Oliver
 - Roll call vote:

Trustee Faust – yes	Trustee Fromhart – yes	Trustee McQueer – no
Trustee Oliver - yes	Trustee Wharam - yes	

E. Sewer Fund Budget

- Motion to approve the sewer fund budget as presented – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Year-End General Fund Budget Amendments

- There was discussion about the budget amendments
- Motion to approve year-end general fund budget amendments as amended – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

B. MMLLPP Property Endorsement for Revised Property Values

- Motion to approve MMLLPP property endorsement for revised property and grinder pump values – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

C. Approval of Claims Listing

- Motion to approve disbursements of \$61,814.94 for general operations and \$16,413.18 for sewer operations; total expenditure of \$78,228.12 for the month of February – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

D. Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 5229 and RTA Proposal

- Motion to approve resolution in opposition to House Bill 5229 and RTA proposal – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver;
Roll call vote:

Trustee Faust – yes	Trustee Fromhart – yes	Trustee McQueer – yes
Trustee Oliver - yes	Trustee Wharam - yes	

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E. Township Newsletter

- A township newsletter will be prepared for July tax mailing

F. Millage Discussion

- With fire costs increasing for both Clinton and Manchester, the board would like to add a tax for an operating millage of 1 mil on the November ballot
- The ballot wording will have to be worked out and approved by the township attorney

VII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Safety Report

- No report was received from the sheriff's department

B. Broadband Task Force Report

- The report is included in Board packet

C. Supervisor's Report

- See board packet plus:
 - Gerken Materials inspection
 - Bartlett Rd update
 - Bridgewater tile update
 - Received as-built plans for Bridgewater Commons
 - Sewer committee meeting
 - Consumer Energy wants to build solar & wind farms
 - Met with sheriff, they are hoping to get back to full staff
 - Board of commissioners
 - Broadband survey, good response
 - WCRC replaced 2 culverts
 - BoR meeting switched

D. Assessor's Report

- No report was received from the assessor

E. Clerk's Report

- Preparing for 1st of 3 elections this year
- Due to flu season, we will be sanitizing voting equipment as well as put hand sanitizer out for all
- The clerk does not appreciate that the supervisor calling out the clerk for NOT doing what he was NOT supposed to do
- Waiting for journal entries from the auditor, Ms. Fromhart is waiting for trial balance

F. Treasurer's Report

- A written report from Ms. McQueer was submitted and is on record

G. Trustees' Report

- Trustee Faust
 - Was present while tile being installed by sewer plant

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- Trustee Oliver
 - Mr. Oliver and Mr. Faust should be compensated for working on sewer

H. Broadband Task Force Report

- The minutes included in Board packet

I. Zoning Administrator's Report

- A written report from Mr. Nanney is included in Board packet

J. Planning Commission

- The minutes is included in Board packet

K. Farmland Preservation Board Report

- No meeting in February

VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Fromhart adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.