

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Smith at 7:00 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: 4

**II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Smith moved to approve the May 5, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Faust seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

**Fromhart moved to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of GS Materials LLC. 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 April 2016.

**V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

McQueer submitted a written report to the Board. McQueer provided several price quotes for a new entry door for the hall. McQueer also reported Scott Nelson's deed grants a driveway easement to the Rickert's property.

**B. Clerk's Report**

Fromhart submitted a written report to the Board. Fromhart also answered questions from the Board regarding the disqualification of a citizen for elected office.

**C. Supervisor's Report**

Smith reported he contacted Finkbeiner about his grinder pump being installed without a Township inspection. Faust reported contractor Community Service installed the grinder pump. After a brief discussion the Board agreed it was necessary for the Township to inspect the grinder pump installation to ensure it was done properly and directed the Supervisor to notify Finkbeiner accordingly.

**D. Trustees' Report**

Faust reported a rebuilt grinder pump failed within a month due to bad bearings. Oliver reported a resident expressed interest in purchasing a Township cemetery plot. Oliver also reported a resident praised the Township for maintaining good roads and that District Foreman Rourke Freeman recommended Neblo, Hack, Willow, and Hogan Roads for drainage improvements.

## **E. Written Reports**

Board packets included reports from the Assessor, Zoning Administrator, and Planning Commission. The Board discussed the Zoning Administrator's report regarding the current status of Lupascu's property.

## **VI. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

### **A. Financials, Approve Disbursements from May 6 through June 2, 2016**

Oliver moved to pay the monthly bills from the general and sewer funds in the total amount of \$21,414.61. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

### **B. WWTP Collection System Contract**

Fromhart moved to approve the Fonson Company Inc., proposal for Replacement of Air Relief Valves in the amount of \$11,900. Faust seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

### **C. Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

McQueer moved to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment #67-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Fromhart seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

### **D. Bemis Road Petition Approval**

Smith reported the Township must first petition the WCWRC for the improvements to the J.J. Knapp drain and will be responsible for an assessment at large for a percentage of the total costs of the proposed work. Smith also reported the road culvert replacement of the J.J. Knapp Drain crossing at Bemis Road will be assessed 17% each to Bridgewater and Freedom Townships and 66% to the County Road Commission. Oliver moved to approve the Resolution Regarding the J.J. Knapp Drain. McQueer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed. Fromhart moved to approve the petition for maintenance and improvement of the J.J. Knapp Drain. McQueer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

### **E. Manchester Fire Department Contract**

The Board noted the increase in the contract for the equipment fund and special housing fund due to rising costs. Fromhart moved to approve the Manchester Township Fire/Rescue Protection Contract for three years from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

### **F. MTA Dues**

Smith moved to approve the MTA annual membership and dues. Faust seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

### **G. Cemetery Status**

McQueer reported on her cemetery research and consultations with the Township planner. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to pursue a study of the Bridgewater Center Cemetery. Oliver agreed to follow up with a company he knows to obtain a quote for ground penetrating radar work and survey of the cemetery.

### **H. Engagement Letter**

McQueer moved to approve Phillip Rubley CPA engagement letter for the audit of the Township's

financial statements. Oliver seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver yes, Smith yes. Motion passed.

**I. WWRA Resolution**

McQueer moved to approve the Resolution for Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority Added Operation Fee for New Dwelling Units. Fromhart seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Faust yes, Fromhart yes, McQueer yes, Oliver no, Smith no. Motion passed.

**J. Disqualification of Citizen for Elected Office**

The Supervisor noted this was addressed under the Clerk's report and that the Board was satisfied with the Clerk's explanation regarding the reason for disqualification.

**K. GS Materials, LLC**

The Board discussed a concerned neighbor's letter and photographs that were submitted to the Board last month regarding GSM's gravel pit operation. Fromhart reported she attended the Planning Commission site visit on May 7<sup>th</sup> and that the pile of soil that was covered with plastic had been covered up with dirt. Fromhart recommended the Township obtain an independent sampling of the soil and have it tested for any possible contaminants. Fromhart reported GS Materials claims the soil was contaminated from Peltcs' generator that was used for irrigation and that they dug it up and sealed it. Fromhart noted this was never disclosed to the Township or documented in any of their reports or recent application. The Board also discussed the issue of whether the Township has proper permission from the property owner for expanded operations and agreed to seek the Township attorney's opinion on the matter. **Fromhart moved to have the Township obtain an independent sample of the soil covered with plastic on the Crego Peltcs parcel per the terms of Ordinance 59. Oliver seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously. Fromhart moved to obtain an opinion from the Township attorney to determine the authenticity of the power of attorney as permission from the property owner for approval of GS Materials LLC expanded operations. McQueer seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.** Smith indicated he would contact Tokar tomorrow to direct GSM not to move or touch the pile of soil so the Township can have an independent lab sample and test it.

**VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

McQueer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Fromhart  
Bridgewater Township Clerk