

Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

7-Jun-18 meeting called to order by Supervisor Fromhart at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Manchester, MI.

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

Absent: None

Citizen attendance: 14

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Todd Crane – of Gerken Materials; commented about the roof over the fuel tank; it is on the Gerken property which is under the consent judgement; a roof over a fuel tank is only mentioned in Ordinance 59
- Ron Rab – commenting about poor condition of Bemis Road

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the 3-May-18 meeting minutes as amended – Mr. Faust; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

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

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Michigan Ave. Property Junk Ordinance Enforcement Action

- Mr. Nanney gave a short description of the situation at 12460 E. Michigan Ave
- Several pictures were provided
- Mr. Nanney issued three citations; one of which was paid, two were not paid
- Mr. Nanney recommends turning over to township attorney, Mr. Lucas
- The Civil Infraction Bureau Manager was never contacted by Dr. Samuels for the last two civil infractions
- Mr. Lucas described the two options available to the township
 - District court
 - This would be a civil infraction
 - ~~Is-This~~ would be the least expensive
 - Would just a preponderance of the evidence
 - Circuit court
 - This would be a civil infraction
 - Is would be the most effective
 - Can get authority to clean the property
 - Could sell items to help recoup the cost
- Can get an administrative search warrant
- All costs are a lien on the property and the responsibility of the owner
- If the property is cleaned up; the law suit goes away; the idea is to get compliance
- Dr. Samuels gave a short defense of what he has done
- Motion to authorize the township attorney to file an action in Washtenaw County Circuit Court after 21-Jun-18, to abate the nuisance on the Samuels property, if the property is not brought into compliance with all applicable ordinances by that date and that Dr. Samuels allow the township zoning administrator immediate access to the property for inspection purposes - Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Oliver;
- Trustee Faust - yes Trustee Fromhart - yes Trustee Oliver – yes

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- Trustee McQueer - yes Trustee Wharam - yes

B. Capital Improvement Planning Discussion

- According to the planning commission ordinance, the supervisor must put together the capital improvements plan
- Could be a simple spreadsheet showing the major expenditures and what money is being put aside

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. MTA Membership Dues 2018-2019

- Motion to renew MTA membership and to pay the fee of \$16,02.08 – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote -unanimous

B. Financials, Approve Disbursements from 1-May-18 through 31-May -18

- Motion to approve disbursements of \$17,108.02 for general operations and \$6971.36 for sewer; for a total of \$24,079.38 - Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous
- Motion to authorize payment of standard bills due in June in July - Mr. Faust; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

C. ZBA Appointment

- Motion to recommend Mr. Horney to ZBA until 31-Dec-19 – Ms. Fromhart; support - Mr. Oliver;
- Trustee Faust - yes Trustee Fromhart - yes Trustee Oliver – yes
- Trustee McQueer - yes Trustee Wharam - yes

D. Rustic Glen Golf Club LLC, taxes

- Ms. Fromhart met with Dave Hodges of Rustic Glen but never heard back
- Ms. Rider informed Rustic Glen that there is no July meeting
- This is Rustic Glen's the third appeal
- Motion to reject proposed settlement of \$400K TCV from Rustic Glen – Mr. Oliver; support – Ms. McQueer;
- Trustee Faust - yes Trustee Fromhart - yes Trustee Oliver – yes
- Trustee McQueer - yes Trustee Wharam - yes

VII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Safety Report

- Report received and is on record

B. Supervisor's Report

- Asked for 3rd brining; WCRC refused due to lack of resources
- Bridgewater drain; starting on emergency repairs; the citizens have filed a petition to build the drain; township will have to pay about \$300K
- Sewer plant violations were listed
- Discussion on the effort at state level to reform assessing
- RTA proposing a mileage
- Motion to have supervisor send a letter of support to Senator Hune & Natural Resource Committee – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote - unanimous
- Soil erosion; a bill has been introduced

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- There is a bill at the state level that would prohibit regulation against event barns

C. Assessor's Report

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

D. Clerk's Report

- MISS DIG rate increase
- McCollum Road between Braun Road and Burmeister Road for bridge repair; expected completion is early July 2018
- Would like to raise election workers pay

E. Treasurer's Report

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

F. Trustees' Report

- Trustee Faust:
 - Talked to Mr. Nelson about moving grinder; Mr. Faust said he would have to pay; Mr. Nelson will not pay
 - CCI Excavating would like to be able to install grinder pumps
 - Motion to approve CCI Excavating as an approved contractor for grinder pump installation contingent upon proof of credentials; township must still inspect work – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Oliver; vote - unanimous
- Trustee Oliver:
 - Talked to WCRC re: Austin Rd.
 - Talked to Mr. Roarck Freeman re: roads; bad all over the county
 - Have a plumbing inspector now

G. Zoning Administrator's Report

- Mr. Nanney submitted a written report to the board and it is on record

H. Planning Commission

- Meeting minutes were submitted and are on record

I. Farmland Preservation Board Report

- Meeting minutes were submitted and are on record

VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Commented on dogs barking at Nancy Hebb; informed to contact Mr. Nanney

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Fromhart adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.