

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL
10990 CLINTON RD, MANCHESTER, MI 48158

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM / PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
- II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2021
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. WCRC Second Agreement – Hogan Road Improvements
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Approval of Claims Listing for June 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021
 - B. PA 116 Application
 - C. Farmland Preservation Board Appointment
 - D. Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy
 - E. Principles of Governance Policy
 - F. Washtenaw County Parks Resolution
 - G. Town Hall Water Heater Quote
 - H. Township Attorney Hourly Rate Increase
 - I. Compensation Commission Ordinance
- VII. REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE
 - A. Public Safety Report – Written report from Sheriff’s Department
 - B. Supervisor’s Report
 - C. Assessor’s Report
 - D. Clerk’s Report
 - E. Treasurer’s Report
 - F. Trustees’ Report
 - G. Zoning Administrator’s Report – Written report from Rodney Nanney
 - H. Planning Commission Report – Minutes included in Board packet
 - I. Broadband Task Force Report – Minutes included in Board packet
 - J. Farmland Preservation Board Report – No meeting in July due to lack of quorum.
- VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

3-Jun-21 meeting called to order by Supervisor Fromhart at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Manchester, MI.

Present:4 Trustee Faust; Trustee Fromhart; Trustee McQueer; Trustee Ahrens

Absent:1 Trustee Oliver.

Citizen attendance: 2

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented – Ms. Ahrens; support – Ms. Fromhart; vote – unanimous.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

- Motion to approve the agenda as presented – Ms. McQueer; support –Ms. Ahrens; vote – unanimous.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) Second Agreement

- WCRC refused to meet our request to use 21AA stone instead of their recommended 23A, which has not offered a long-term solution to this area in the past.

The contract was not signed to move forward with the project. The Board will continue to seek a solution with WCRC to hopefully get this project accomplished.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Claims Listing

- Motion to approve disbursements of \$12,568.87 for general operations and \$8,222.53 for sewer operations; total expenditure of \$20,791.40 for the month of May – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Faust; vote – unanimous.

B. Assessor's Contract

- Motion to approve Assessor Mary Rider's contract as amended for 2021-2023. – Ms. Fromhart; support –Ms. Ahrens; vote – unanimous

C. Broadband Task Force Resolution

Motion to approve Broadband Task Force Resolution as presented – Ms. Fromhart; support – Ms. McQueer vote – unanimous

D. Nature Areas Preservation Program- Nomination of Moyad Property

- Board reaffirmed that Bridgewater township has enough County preserves and requested that a letter from the township lawyer be forwarded to the County Parks, on behalf of the Board, objecting to the destruction of the buildings on this parcel so it would meet the criteria for the program.

E. Solar Energy Ordinance Discussion.

- Board agreed that the Planning Commission should move forward with a Public Hearing to engage the community on the topic of an ordinance for industrial solar farms in Bridgewater township.

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VII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Public Safety Report
 - A written report from the sheriff is included in the board packet.
- B. Supervisor's Report
 - See board packet.
- C. Assessor's Report
 - No Report.
- D. Clerk's Report
 - No report
- E. Treasurer's Report
 - Preparing July 1st tax billing.
- F. Trustees' Report
 - Trustee Faust
 - No Report
 - Trustee Oliver
 - Absent
- G. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - A written report from Mr. Nanney is included in the board packet.
- H. Broadband Task Force Report
 - There was no report from the Broadband Task Force
- I. Planning Commission
 - A written report is included in the board packet.
- J. Farmland Preservation Board Report
 - There was no meeting in May.

VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Invenegy company advised the Board they would be in the area for the next few weeks talking with residents regarding industrial solar farms in Bridgewater township.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Fromhart adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

6-May-21 meeting called to order by Supervisor Fromhart at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, Manchester, MI.

Present: Trustee Faust; Trustee Fromhart; Trustee Ahrens Trustee McQueer; Trustee Oliver.

Absent: N/A

Citizen attendance: 2

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the 1-Apr-21 meeting minutes as amended – Mr. Oliver; support – Mr. Faust; vote – unanimous

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

- Motion to approve the agenda as presented – Ms. McQueer; support – Ms. Ahrens; vote – unanimous.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gerken Materials Inc. 2020 Annual Report- Township engineer, Kristofer Enlow gave an overview of the Annual Report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Claims Listing

- Motion to approve disbursements of \$41,938.39 for general operations and \$7,659.94, for sewer operations; total expenditure of \$49,598.53 for the month of April – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous.

B. WCRC Draft Agreements

- Motion to approve the 2021 WCRC agreement for \$64,440.09 subject to replacement of AA limestone. – Mr. Oliver; support – Mr. Faust. vote – unanimous
- Work to include roadside berm removal, ditching, tree cutting, shaping the existing surface, the application of 8" (C.I.P.) of 23a limestone (approximately 3,200 tons) with associated dust control and project restoration. March revenue (last fiscal year) sharing will be down about \$14,192.
- Work to include placement of two (2) solid applications of contract brine on all certified local gravel/limestone roads within the township, including an additional third pass on Kies Road between Austin Road and Clinton Road and on Allen Road between Hogan Road and Clinton Road. Estimated 171,440 gallons @ \$0.189 per gallon.

VII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Safety Report

- A written report from the sheriff is included in the board packet.

B. Supervisor's Report

- See board packet plus,

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- Spoke with Mark McCulloch from WCRC regarding Bartlett Rd resurfacing project that Gerken materials completed.
- PFAS testing for the slug removal for the Bridgewater Wastewater Treatment Plant.

C. Assessor's Report

- No report was received from the assessor.

D. Clerk's Report

- Clean up day is tentatively September 18, 2021.
- May 4 election went great.

E. Treasurer's Report

- Received settlement.

F. Trustees' Report

- Trustee Faust
 - Sewer repairs completed.
- Trustee Oliver
 - WWBA meeting, everything is good. Doug Par is now their soil erosion inspector.

G. Zoning Administrator's Report

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

H. Broadband Task Force Report

- There was no meeting in April.

I. Planning Commission

- See board packet.

J. Farmland Preservation Board Report

- No quorum for April meeting.

VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Fromhart adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

2021 Local Matching Program - Bridgewater Township - Hogan Road Improvements

From: Harmon, Jim (harmonj@wccroads.org)
To: bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com
Cc: siddalls@wccroads.org; freemanr@wccroads.org
Date: Friday, July 2, 2021, 07:08 AM EDT

Good morning Laurie,

I am writing in response to your meeting last week with Sheryl, Roark, Dave and Geoff. We have reviewed your proposal to modify resurfacing materials for Hogan Road to include 4" of 21aa limestone overlaid by 4" of 23a limestone. Unfortunately, we cannot support this proposal.

In our professional experience, the surface aggregate layer is too thin to prevent grading and road surface problems in the future. We know that gravel roads breakdown over time despite our best efforts to retain as much material as possible in our maintenance activities. We also know that most of us do not have the financial resources to add surface material on a regular basis. So, we need that 23a limestone to be thick enough that it will continue to be our surface aggregate over an extended period of time. Otherwise, we will be attempting to grade the 21aa limestone as our surface material which is problematic for the reasons we have previously stated.

If we were considering removing and replacing the subsoils on Hogan Road with 6" or greater of 21aa limestone base and then surfacing that material with 8" of 23a limestone, the Road Commission would support such a proposal. This would be a significantly more expensive project. Accepting prevailing fiscal constraints, we are committed to 8" of 23a limestone as a uniform and appropriate surface material and are confident that will give you a decent gravel road improvement.

I understand that you also inquired about the scope of the proposed drainage work (ditching and roadside berm removal). Approximately 300' of ditching would be performed along the east side of Hogan Road between addresses 12779 and 12831. Approximately 100' of ditching would be performed at this location on the west side of Hogan Road. The ditching is restorative and will ensure positive drainage to the existing low points on both sides of this area of Hogan Road. Roadside berm removal would be performed at the northern project limit from the old gravel pit driveway on both sides of Hogan Road southerly 200'.

We remain supportive of improving Hogan Road with Bridgewater Township as described in the attached agreement. In order to program the work for this year, the Road Commission will need an executed agreement from the township early in August. We acknowledge that your next BOT meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2021. If the approved agreement is provided on or before August 11, we are confident that the Board of County Road Commissioners will grant approval at its regular meeting on August 17.

Sincerely yours,

Jim

James D. Harmon, P.E.

2021 BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP SECOND AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between the Township Board of Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, parties of the first part and the Board of Washtenaw County Road Commissioners, parties of the second part.

WHEREAS, the parties of the first part desire that certain improvements be made upon the local roads in the Township of Bridgewater, and

WHEREAS, proper authority is provided to the parties of the agreement under the provisions in Act 51 of Public Acts of 1951 as amended,

IT IS NOW THEREFORE AGREED, the parties of the second part will accomplish the improvements as specified herein, all in accordance with the standards of the parties of the second part.

1. Hogan Road, Allen Road to old gravel pit entrance, 0.6 miles northerly:

Work to include roadside berm removal, ditching, tree cutting, shaping the existing surface, the application of 8" (C.I.P.) of 23a limestone (approximately 3,200 tons) with associated dust control and project restoration.

Estimated project cost: \$ 72,700.00

AGREEMENT SUMMARY

2021 LOCAL ROAD PROGRAM

Hogan Road, Allen Road to old gravel pit entrance, 0.6 miles northerly \$ 72,700.00

Less WCRC 2021 Conventional Matching Funds \$ 20,610.99

Less WCRC 2020 Drainage Matching Funds (carryover) \$ 3,850.00

ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
UNDER THIS AGREEMENT DURING 2021:

\$ 48,239.01

FOR BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP:

Laurie Fromhart, Supervisor

Witness

Michelle McQueer, Clerk

Witness

FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:

Barbara Ryan Fuller, Chair

Witness

Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, Managing Director

Witness

Re: Hogan Road

From: Brenda Marion (b.j.marion@gmail.com)

To: bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 07:58 PM EDT

Thanks for information on Hogan Rd. The road from Allen to Wilbur is all slippery. My mechanic has instructed me to take my car to spray car washes often because the "muck" gets up into brakes. Have had it in a few times for what I thought was brake issues. This has been an issue for a long time. I know you understand the road's condition.

On Tue, Jul 13, 2021, 9:19 AM Laurie Fromhart <bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com> wrote:

Brenda,

We have been working with the road commission regarding improvements to Hogan Rd from Allen Road to the old entrance of the gravel pit. This is the worse section of the roadway and all the township can afford to improve.

We requested the road commission use 21aa limestone instead of 23a limestone as we want more stone and less fines. The road commission is unwilling to work with us and is insisting on the use of 23a limestone.

We will be discussing the road commission's proposed road agreement again at our August 5th meeting and will make a decision then on whether we want to proceed with the agreement.

We can't use 22a gravel from the gravel pit as I've been told by the road commission that it's not an acceptable material as has to be the same material that is currently on the road which is limestone.

As you know I live on Hogan Road and am just as frustrated as you are regarding its condition. The township board very much wants to see Hogan road improved but we don't want to spend the money only to get the same results of a slippery and slimy mess.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Laurie

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 8:47 AM, Brenda Marion <b.j.marion@gmail.com> wrote:

Once again I'm asking something be done with Hogan Road. With the rain it becomes slippery and slimy. Yesterday driving from my home to Wilbur Rd going 25 miles/hour I almost slid off the road into a ditch again. Wilbur's road condition was normal dirt road after rain. Later in the day I came home from Allen Road and the same. Hogan road slippery and Allen road was normal dirt road after rain. A few years ago I was at a Township meeting where I brought the road condition to board. There was a comment about the gravel pit owing us gravel. Is that option still available? I understand money is tight but this road has been getting worse and worse. Beyond frustrated.

Bridgewater Township General Fund Monthly Expenses

July 2021
Split

Type	Date	Split
Jul 21		
Bill	07/30/2021	Beckett & Raeder
Bill	07/30/2021	BS&A
Bill	07/30/2021	Cardmember Service
Bill	07/30/2021	Clayton and Mary Rider Assessing Service
Bill	07/30/2021	Consumers Energy
Bill	07/30/2021	Detroit Edison Company - Hall
Bill	07/30/2021	Detroit Edison Company - Street Lights
Bill	07/30/2021	Donald N. Pennington
Bill	07/30/2021	Donald N. Pennington
Bill	07/30/2021	Frontier
Bill	07/30/2021	Iron Free & SoftWater Systems
Bill	07/30/2021	Jon Way
Bill	07/30/2021	Konica Minolta
Bill	07/30/2021	Lucas Law, PC
Bill	07/30/2021	Manchester Mirror
Bill	07/30/2021	Manchester Township
Bill	07/30/2021	Paychex - fees
Bill	07/30/2021	Paychex - payroll
Bill	07/30/2021	Planning and Zoning News
Bill	07/30/2021	RG Wahl-Roehm
Bill	07/30/2021	Staples
Bill	07/30/2021	Village of Clinton
Jul 21		

Bridgewater Township General Fund
Monthly Expenses
July 2021

<u>Amount</u>	
2233 · Due to SMR-Crego/Peltcs	1,156.25
-SPLIT-	1,175.00
2050 · Comerica - Clerk/Treasurer	293.29
-SPLIT-	2,131.67
5265728 · Maintenance & Utilities	14.93
5265728 · Maintenance & Utilities	95.08
5440852 · Street lighting	340.53
-SPLIT-	1,342.50
-SPLIT-	1,300.35
5265728 · Maintenance & Utilities	108.36
5265728 · Maintenance & Utilities	8.00
-SPLIT-	530.00
5265980 · Building improvement & equipmen	41.53
-SPLIT-	217.50
5173900 · Printing & publishing	277.50
5339727 · Fire protection billing expense	23,309.61
5215727 · Clerk supplies & expense	164.32
-SPLIT-	5,399.91
5400727 · Planning comm. wage & expense	198.00
5265728 · Maintenance & Utilities	91.30
-SPLIT-	20.99
5339727 · Fire protection billing expense	7,166.00
	<u><u>45,382.62</u></u>

Bridgewater Township Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual April 2021 through March 2022

	Apr '21 - Mar 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Clean-up Day Grant	0	2,500	-2,500
Clean Up Donation	0	100	-100
4402 · Property tax - operation	5,541	82,000	-76,459
4405 · Property tax - fire millage	0	50,763	-50,763
4447 · Tax administration fee	1,204	33,500	-32,296
4448 · Tax collection fees	100	3,500	-3,400
4460 · Township permits	0	500	-500
4465 · Land division fees	175	600	-425
4574 · Revenue sharing	51,363	151,577	-100,214
4600 · Collection Fee-Sewer Fund	0	1,000	-1,000
4601 · Fire charge collection	94	0	94
4665 · Interest Income	12	300	-288
4672 · Other Income	0	200	-200
4675 · Metro Auth.-restricted to roads	3,636	3,800	-164
Total Income	62,125	330,340	-268,215
Gross Profit	62,125	330,340	-268,215
Expense			
5101000 · Township Board			
5101703 · Trustee salary	1,224	4,896	-3,672
5101727 · Township supplies & expenses	0	684	-684
5101770 · Conferences & Training	0	500	-500
5101000 · Township Board - Other	408	0	408
Total 5101000 · Township Board	1,632	6,080	-4,448
5171000 · Supervisor			
5171703 · Supervisor Salary	5,307	15,920	-10,613
5171727 · Supervisor Expense	342	1,000	-658
5209000 · Assessor			
5209705 · Board of Review expenses	0	1,700	-1,700
5209805 · Assessor Wages	7,333	22,800	-15,467
5209810 · Assessor Expense	740	2,800	-2,060
5209000 · Assessor - Other	500		
Total 5209000 · Assessor	8,573	27,300	-18,727
Total 5171000 · Supervisor	14,222	44,220	-29,998
5173000 · Other General Government			
5173715 · Social Security	1,579	5,000	-3,421
5173801 · Attorney & Consulting Expenses	458	2,000	-1,543
5173802 · Audit fees	0	5,000	-5,000
5173811 · Membership fees & dues	1,853	2,100	-247
5173895 · Website Administrator	500	500	0
5173912 · Insurance & Bonds	-618	6,500	-7,118
Total 5173000 · Other General Government	3,771	21,100	-17,329
5215700 · Clerk			
5173900 · Printing & publishing	278	400	-123
5174810 · Deputy Clerk	630	1,600	-970
5191727 · Election expense	-598	2,000	-2,598
5215703 · Clerk salary	5,513	16,539	-11,026
5215727 · Clerk supplies & expense	873	3,200	-2,327
Total 5215700 · Clerk	6,695	23,739	-17,044
5253700 · Treasurer			
5253701 · Tax Collection Expense	1,560	2,500	-940
5253703 · Treasurer salary	5,989	17,967	-11,978
5253704 · Deputy Treasurer Wages	96	1,600	-1,504
5253727 · Treasurer supplies & expenses	39	2,000	-1,961
Total 5253700 · Treasurer	7,683	24,067	-16,384

Jul 30, 2021
 Accrual Basis

Bridgewater Township Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual April 2021 through March 2022

	Apr '21 - Mar 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
5265000 · Building & Grounds			
5265728 · Maintenance & Utilities	1,768	7,000	-5,232
5265925 · Cemetery care	1,355	2,500	-1,145
5265980 · Building improvement & equipmen	42	1,000	-958
Total 5265000 · Building & Grounds	3,164	10,500	-7,336
5301800 · Public Safety			
5339727 · Fire protection billing expense	60,971	75,000	-14,029
Total 5301800 · Public Safety	60,971	75,000	-14,029
5400700 · Planning & zoning			
5400701 · Planning			
5400727 · Planning comm. wage & expense	1,173	5,700	-4,527
5400801 · PC Attorney Fees	75	0	75
5400803 · Planning consultant - on-going	2,338	7,000	-4,662
5411810 · Conferences & Training	0	1,000	-1,000
Total 5400701 · Planning	3,586	13,700	-10,114
5410726 · Zoning			
5410704 · Land Division Processing Fees	525	1,700	-1,175
5410727 · Zoning ad.wage & expense	2,905	7,500	-4,595
5411727 · Zon Bd of Appeals Expense	0	400	-400
Total 5410726 · Zoning	3,430	9,600	-6,170
Total 5400700 · Planning & zoning	7,016	23,300	-16,284
5440000 · Public works			
5440846 · Road Improvements	0	40,000	-40,000
5440847 · Drains at large	54,834	54,834	-0
5440849 · Clean-up Day	0	2,500	-2,500
5440852 · Street lighting	1,416	4,500	-3,084
Total 5440000 · Public works	56,250	101,834	-45,584
5500000 · Contingencies	0	500	-500
Total Expense	161,405	330,340	-168,935
Net Income	-99,280	0	-99,280

Bridgewater Township General Fund
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2021

Jul 30, 2021
Accrual Basis

	Jul 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1002 · General Checking-Key Bank	81,144.69
1010 · General Savings-Key Bank	94,348.60
1016 · Bank of Ann Arbor 5yr	103,665.96
1017 · Old National 5 yr	113,811.78
Total Checking/Savings	392,971.03
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	762.00
Total Accounts Receivable	762.00
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Insurance	6,912.00
1034 · Tax Receivable-PPT	-32.61
1050 · Current Year Tx Roll Receivable	
1090 · Due from County - Settlement	-2,971.78
1050 · Current Year Tx Roll Receivable - Other	-1,162.15
Total 1050 · Current Year Tx Roll Receivable	-4,133.93
1081 · Due from Sewer Operations	-1,516.47
1085 · Due From Tax Fund	-2,210.00
1087 · Due from Dr. Samuels	-100.67
1201 · Accounts Receivable 2	1,590.00
Total Other Current Assets	508.32
Total Current Assets	394,241.35
Fixed Assets	
1600 · Buildings	98,329.35
1610 · Equipment	28,244.21
1620 · Land	70,863.09
1630 · Siding & Windows	17,049.00
1640 · Township Hall Improvements	54,079.30
1650 · Accumulated Depreciation	-95,648.85
Total Fixed Assets	172,916.10
TOTAL ASSETS	567,157.45
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	-793.96
Total Accounts Payable	-793.96
Credit Cards	
2050 · Comerica - Clerk/Treasurer	-1,312.20
Total Credit Cards	-1,312.20
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	-377.79

Bridgewater Township General Fund
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2021

Jul 30, 2021
Accrual Basis

	<u>Jul 31, 21</u>
2217 · Escrow Deposits Payable	
2220 · Due to SMR-Elliott parcel	2,500.00
2233 · Due to SMR-Crego/Peltcs	1,001.25
2252 · Due Metro General Contractors	1,000.00
2253-01 · Due to Bridgewater Commons	485.00
2253-02 · Bridgewater Commons - Landscapi	2,000.00
2255 · Barbu Escrow	-688.52
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Total 2217 · Escrow Deposits Payable	6,297.73
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Total Other Current Liabilities	5,919.94
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Total Current Liabilities	3,813.78
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Total Liabilities	3,813.78
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Equity	
3900 · Fund Balance	489,707.15
3940 · Invested in Capital Assets, Net	172,916.84
Net Income	-99,280.32
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Total Equity	563,343.67
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	567,157.45
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Bridgewater Township Sewer Operation Monthly Expenses

July 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount
Jul 21					
Bill	07/30/2021		DTE Energy		Electricity
Bill	07/30/2021		Frontier		Phone Service
Bill	07/30/2021		Haviland		Chemicals
Bill	07/30/2021		Jon Way		Building & Grounds Maintenance
Bill	07/30/2021		USIC Locating Services, LLC		-SPLIT-
Jul 21					

Jul 30, 2021

Bridgewater Township Sewer Operation
Monthly Expenses
July 2021

Jul 21

1,824.25

69.96

561

240

4,886.07

Jul 21

7581.28

Bridgewater Township Sewer Operation
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2021

Jul 30, 2021
Accrual Basis

	Jul 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Key-Sewer O/M	
Capital Improvements Reserve	30,000.00
Key-Sewer O/M - Other	40,638.30
Total Key-Sewer O/M	70,638.30
Key Sewer O/M Saving	103,155.79
Key Sewer Retirement Checking	78,110.53
Total Checking/Savings	251,904.62
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts receivable	20,190.00
Total Accounts Receivable	20,190.00
Other Current Assets	
Due From Tax	-2,380.90
Taxes Receivable Special Asst	6,164.90
Total Other Current Assets	3,784.00
Total Current Assets	275,878.62
Fixed Assets	
Accessory Building	53,320.02
Accumulated Depr - Access Bldg	-9,360.65
Equipment	101,752.20
Accumulated Depr - Equipment	-30,125.44
Sewer System Plant	1,966,444.05
Accumulated Depr - Sewer System	-680,061.78
Land	55,355.06
Total Fixed Assets	1,457,323.46
Other Assets	
Special Assessment Receivable	8,331.24
Total Other Assets	8,331.24
TOTAL ASSETS	1,741,533.32
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2004 Bond Pmt Due in One Yr	-74,024.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-74,024.00
Total Current Liabilities	-74,024.00
Total Liabilities	-74,024.00
Equity	
Invested in capital assets, net	1,317,951.48
Restricted for Debt Service	240,753.85
Unrestricted Funds (QB RE acct)	252,286.07
Net Income	4,565.92
Total Equity	1,815,557.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,741,533.32

Additional info for townships accepting American Rescue Plan Act funds

From: Michigan Townships Association (jenn@michigantownships.org)

To: bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 02:36 PM EDT



As the state's requested July 27 deadline to [accept your township township's share](#) of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars approaches, MTA is committed to [providing the guidance and information](#) that you need.

All townships that have requested or are planning to request their allocation of ARPA funds must have a "[Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy](#)" in place. The policy applies when procuring goods (apparatus, supplies, materials and equipment), services, and construction or repair projects funded in part or whole with federal financial assistance (direct or reimbursed), and also prohibits the receiving of gifts from suppliers, contactors, etc. for such purchases or projects. If your township has not already adopted such a policy, we recommend that you do so at your next upcoming board meeting. A sample policy is available [here](#) (a [Microsoft Word version](#) is also available).

In addition, if your township has submitted its documentation and request to receive funds to the state Department of Treasury, but you find you need to make corrections, you may email treas-arpa@michigan.gov and Treasury will reopen the application.



As you work through the American Rescue Plan request process, please review MTA resources at www.michigantownships.org/covidrelief.asp and contact MTA's Member Information Services Department at (517) 321-6467 or michael@michigantownships.org, catherine@michigantownships.org or

Bridgewater Township Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish conflicts of interest guidelines that meet or exceed the requirements under state law and local policy when procuring goods (apparatus, supplies, materials, and equipment), services, and construction or repair projects paid for in part or whole by federal funds and required under [2 C.F.R. § 200.318\(c\)\(1\)](#).

II. Policy

This policy applies when procuring goods (apparatus, supplies, materials, and equipment), services, and construction or repair projects funded in part or whole with federal financial assistance (direct or reimbursed). This policy also applies to any subrecipient of the funds.

The employee responsible for managing the federal financial assistance award shall review the notice of award to identify any additional conflicts of interest prohibitions or requirements associated with the award, and shall notify all employees, officers, and agents, including subrecipients, of the requirements of this policy and any additional prohibitions or requirements.

A. Conflicts of Interest. In addition to the prohibition against self-benefiting from a public contract under Public Act 317 of 1968 and other applicable state law, no officer, employee, or agent of Bridgewater Township may participate directly or indirectly in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. A real or apparent conflict exists when any of the following parties has a financial or other interest in or receives a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for award of a contract:

1. the employee, officer, or agent involved in the selection, award, or administration of a contract;
2. any member of his or her immediate family;
3. his or her partner; or
4. an organization which employs or is about to employ any of these parties.

Any officer, employee, or agent with an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest as defined in this policy shall report the conflict to his or her immediate supervisor. Any such conflict shall be disclosed in writing to the federal award agency or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal awarding agency policy.

B. Gifts. In addition to the prohibition against accepting gifts and favors from vendors and contractors under state law, officers, employees, and agents of Bridgewater Township are prohibited from accepting or soliciting gifts, gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, suppliers, or parties to subcontracts. Items of nominal value valued at less than \$_____, which fall into one of the following categories may be accepted:

1. promotional items;
2. honorariums for participation in meetings; or
3. meals furnished at banquets

Any officer, employee or agent who knowingly accepts an item of nominal value allowed under this policy shall report the item to his or her immediate supervisor.

III. Violation

Employees violating this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. Contractors violating this policy will result in termination of the contract and may not be eligible for future contract awards.



Dear Township Board:

The Michigan Townships Association is again encouraging every township board to deliberate on and adopt the enclosed Principles of Governance. MTA members throughout the state have enthusiastically embraced these Principles as their own code of conduct, and the MTA Board urges you to reaffirm, or adopt for the first time, these Principles of Governance as an official policy of your township board.

Our objective in promulgating Principles of Governance for our members is straightforward: Township boards can be much more efficient and effective when there is a high degree of trust among board members, and between the board and those whom they are elected to serve. Township boards earn trust by demonstrating their commitment to effectively solving problems and conducting their business in a manner consistent with their community's expectations and values—and then faithfully delivering on those commitments.

The MTA Board of Directors affirms in our mission and values statements that township government embodies efficient, effective, economical, ethical and accountable local government in Michigan. The Principles of Governance embody these core values, and can guide board members toward consistent actions and deeds that reflect well on the township and on themselves. The MTA Board strongly believes that a township board that publicly adopts and adheres to these Principles will enjoy strong public support and be better positioned to achieve great things on behalf of its residents.

As a key part of our collective commitment to fostering efficient and effective township government that has earned the public's trust, the MTA Board invites your board to affirm and practice the enclosed Principles of Governance through formal ratification at a board meeting. By signing this certificate, board members denote their personal pledges to adhere to the Principles. Following board action, we encourage you to frame and proudly post the document in a prominent place for all to see.

Sincerely,

Pete Kleiman
2021 MTA President

Neil Sheridan
MTA Executive Director

Bridgewater Township

Principles of Governance

To maintain the highest standards and traditions of Michigan townships, we embrace these principles to guide our stewardship, deliberations and constituent services as we commit to safeguard our community's health, safety and general welfare.

We pledge to:

- Insist on the highest standards of ethical conduct by all who act on behalf of this township
- Bring credit, honor and dignity to our public offices through collegial board deliberations, and diligent, appropriate responses to constituent concerns
- Actively pursue education and knowledge, and embrace best practices
- Treat all persons with dignity, respect and impartiality, without prejudice or discrimination
- Practice openness and transparency in our decisions and actions
- Cooperate in all reasonable ways with other governmental entities and consider the impact our decisions may have outside our township's borders
- Communicate to the public township issues, challenges and successes, and welcome the active involvement of stakeholders to further the township's well-being
- Strive for compliance with all state and federal statutory requirements
- Refuse to participate in any decisions or activities for personal gain, at the expense of the best interests of the township
- Further the understanding of the obligations and responsibilities of American citizenship, democratic government and freedom

These principles we pledge to our township, our state, and our country.

Laurie Fromhart, Supervisor

Amy Ahrens, Treasurer

Michelle McQueer, Clerk

Geoffrey Oliver, Trustee

David Faust, Trustee

Date





Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

May 17, 2021

SUPERVISOR FROMHART
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
10990 CLINTON RD
MANCHESTER, MI 48158

Connecting Communities Initiative

Dear Supervisor Fromhart:

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) is pleased to announce the 2021 Connecting Communities grant application cycle. Through this competitive grant program, WCPARC is partnering with local communities to build trails that connect to the Border to Border Trail and/or link County residents to community resources (e.g., parks, historic sites, places of employment, schools, etc.) and to each other.

Enclosed, please find the program description, selection criteria, and application. New for 2021, we have included the updated scoring criteria form to assist with project planning and preparing your grant application. A PDF for the application may be found at: www.washtenaw.org/953. **Applications must be received no later than 5pm, Tuesday, August 31, 2021.** WCPARC staff will review and score applications and make recommendations to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission for funding approval, typically in November.

We encourage you to contact our grant coordinator Kira Macyda at macydak@washtenaw.org by July 15, to notify us of your intent to submit and discuss your potential project.

We look forward to working with you to build a more comprehensive trail network throughout Washtenaw County.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Coy P. Vaughn.

Coy P. Vaughn
Director

Enclosures

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
A RESOLUTION TO PLEA FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY FUNDING
FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND TO BE USED AS TRAILS, PARKS OR
PRESERVES BE REDIRECTED FROM BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP TO
OTHER COMMUNITIES
RESOLUTION 2021-10**

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees has received the 2021 Connecting Communities Initiative Request for Proposals; and,

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees has a duty to represent our constituents on the county level in land-use matters; and,

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees has been approached with formal proposals for trails to be placed through our township; and,

WHEREAS, Bridgewater Township constituents strongly and vocally opposed the trails with “NO TRAILS, NO WAY!” lawn signs erected in many yards throughout the community; and,

WHEREAS, over 400 out of 1600 total Bridgewater Township residents attended a Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees meeting and public hearing to oppose trails in Bridgewater Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees has evaluated the County Parks statement of intent to continue to seek to purchase river-front properties in Bridgewater Township and its adjoining communities; and,

WHEREAS, with the now-clear and publicized Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission’s “Connecting Communities Initiative,” the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees views this Resolution both timely and consistent with the views of the people we represent.

NOW THEREFORE, WE RESOLVE, as representatives of our constituents, to strongly oppose any purchase of land in Bridgewater Township to be used as trails, parks, or preserves and ask that Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department redirect such funding to other communities that welcome these land uses.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE to oppose any further government funding directed toward such projects because we believe that it is fiscally irresponsible.

The foregoing resolution offered by Trustee _____ and supported by Trustee _____.

Upon roll-call vote, the following members voted:

AYE:
NAY:

ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

The Supervisor declared the motion passed and Resolution 2021-10 duly adopted.

Certification:

I, Michelle McQueer, the undersigned Clerk of the Township of Bridgewater, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Bridgewater, held on August 5, 2021 the original of which is on file in my office, and that notice of such meeting was given, and the meeting was conducted, pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Michigan Public acts of 1976, as amended.

Michelle McQueer
Bridgewater Township Clerk

**RG WAHL-ROEHM
HEATING & COOLING LLC**

8423 BOETTNER RD
SALINE, MI 48176-9643
USA



QUOTATION

Quote Number: 2879
Quote Date: Jun 16, 2021
Page: 1

Voice: 734-429-7250
Fax: 734-429-7895

Quoted To:
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL c/o CLERK 10990 CLINTON RD MANCHESTER, MI 48158

Service Location:
MICHELLE MCQUEER c/o CLERK 10990 CLINTON RD MANCHESTER, MI 48158

Customer ID & Phone No.	Good Thru	Payment Terms	Sales Rep
B129 734-709-8091	7/16/21	Net 15th of Next Month	STEPHEN L. ROEHM

Description	Amount
QUOTATION TO INSTALL MINI HOT WATER HEATER AT TOWNSHIP HALL *****	
BOSCH ELECTRIC MINI-TANK WATER HEATER TRONIC 3000T 2.5 GALLON	229.99
MATERIAL REQUIRED TO COMPLETE PLUMBING INSTALLATION OF WATER HEATER	20.00
INSTALLATION LABOR CHARGES	240.00

*SIGN & DATE TO APPROVE QUOTE. SCAN AND EMAIL BACK TO ROEHMHVAC@YAHOO.COM	
SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____	



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Subtotal	489.99
Sales Tax	
TOTAL	489.99

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June 28, 2021

Ms. Laurie Fromhart
Bridgewater Township
10990 Clinton Rd.
Manchester, MI 48158

Re: Hourly rate for legal services

Dear Ms. Fromhart:

Due to rising costs, I find it necessary to increase my hourly rate to my municipal clients from \$150 per hour to \$200 per hour effective August 1, 2021. This represents the first increase in my fees in a number of years. While my hourly rate for private clients has steadily increased over the years, I have resisted increasing my municipal rates. Nonetheless this increase is still substantially lower than my rate for my non-municipal clients.

I have always tried to provide quality legal services at a fair price and I will continue to do so in the future.

Sincerely,
LUCAS LAW, PC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frederick Lucas", written over the typed name.

Frederick Lucas
Attorney at Law

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER

ORDINANCE 73

LOCAL OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMISSION

An Ordinance enacted pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law Revised Statutes 41.95(4)-(6) of 1846, as amended, to establish a Local Officials Compensation Commission, establish the composition and appointment of Commission members and establish procedures and policies for said Commission.

The Township of Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, Michigan hereby ordains:

Section 1. Purpose and Establishment

A local officials compensation commission is created. The commission shall determine the salary of each township elected official. The commission shall consist of 5 members who are registered electors of the township, appointed by the supervisor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected and serving on the township board. The terms of office shall be 5 years, except that of the members first appointed, 1 each shall be appointed for terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. The first members shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective date of the ordinance. Subsequent members shall be appointed within 30 days after a term expires or a vacancy occurs. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of an unexpired term. An officer or employee of a government agency or unit or member of the immediate family of an officer or employee shall not be appointed to the commission.

Section 2. Scope of Work

The commission shall determine the salary of each member of the township board, which shall be effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. The determination of the commission shall be the salary unless the township board by resolution adopted by 2/3 of the members elected to and serving on the board rejects the determination. The determination of the commission shall be effective 30 days following filing of the determination with the township clerk unless rejected by the township board. If the determination is rejected, the existing salary shall prevail. An expense allowance or reimbursement paid to elected officials in addition to salary shall be for expenses incurred in the course of township business and accounted for to the township.

Section 2. Meetings

The commission shall meet for not more than 15 session days in each odd numbered year and shall make its determination within 45 calendar days of its first meeting. A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for conducting the business of the commission. The business that the commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976. The commission shall not take action or make a determination without a concurrence of a majority of

the members appointed and serving on the commission. The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members. As used in this section, "session days" means calendar days on which the commission meets, and a quorum is present.

Section 3. Compensation to Members

The members of the Commission shall not receive compensation, but shall be entitled to actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

Section 4. Publication and Effective Date.

Publication of this ordinance shall be made by causing a true copy thereof to be inserted once in the Manchester Mirror, a newspaper circulating within the Township of Bridgewater. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the ordinance is published.

AYES:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinance declared adopted on August 5, 2021.

Laurie Fromhart, Supervisor
Township of Bridgewater

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION

I, Michelle McQueer, the duly elected Township Clerk, certify that the foregoing ordinance was properly enacted by the township board of the Township of Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, Michigan on August 5, 2021 and that it was published in the Manchester Mirror on _____, 2021.

Michelle McQueer, Clerk
Township of Bridgewater

American Rescue Plan Act

Eligible Funding Amounts for Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs)

Estimates Generated by the Michigan Department of Treasury as of June 17, 2021

Local Unit Code	Name	County	Population 2019	Funding Estimate
801040	Bangor Township	Van Buren	2,106	\$ 220,432
801050	Bloomingtondale Township	Van Buren	2,592	\$ 271,301
801060	Columbia Township	Van Buren	2,381	\$ 249,216
801070	Covert Township	Van Buren	2,891	\$ 302,597
801080	Decatur Township	Van Buren	1,881	\$ 196,882
801090	Geneva Township	Van Buren	3,539	\$ 370,422
801100	Hamilton Township	Van Buren	1,465	\$ 153,339
801110	Hartford Township	Van Buren	3,200	\$ 334,939
801120	Keeler Township	Van Buren	2,159	\$ 225,979
801130	Lawrence Township	Van Buren	2,268	\$ 237,388
801140	Paw Paw Township	Van Buren	3,537	\$ 370,213
801150	Pine Grove Township	Van Buren	2,948	\$ 308,563
801160	Porter Township	Van Buren	2,460	\$ 257,485
801170	South Haven Charter Township	Van Buren	3,993	\$ 417,942
801180	Waverly Township	Van Buren	2,532	\$ 265,021
802010	Bangor City	Van Buren	1,833	\$ 191,857
802020	Gobles City	Van Buren	798	\$ 83,526
802030	Hartford City	Van Buren	2,592	\$ 271,301
802040	South Haven City	Van Buren	4,348	\$ 455,099
803010	Bloomingtondale Village	Van Buren	439	\$ 45,950
803020	Breedsville Village	Van Buren	191	\$ 19,992
803030	Decatur Village	Van Buren	1,732	\$ 181,286
803040	Lawrence Village	Van Buren	976	\$ 102,157
803050	Lawton Village	Van Buren	1,805	\$ 188,927
803060	Mattawan Village	Van Buren	1,982	\$ 207,453
803070	Paw Paw Village	Van Buren	3,366	\$ 352,314
811010	Ann Arbor Charter Township	Washtenaw	4,213	\$ 440,969
811020	Augusta Charter Township	Washtenaw	7,276	\$ 761,568
811030	Bridgewater Township	Washtenaw	1,731	\$ 181,181
811040	Dexter Township	Washtenaw	6,554	\$ 685,998
811050	Freedom Township	Washtenaw	1,489	\$ 155,851
811060	Lima Township	Washtenaw	3,958	\$ 414,278
811070	Lodi Township	Washtenaw	6,579	\$ 688,614
811080	Lyndon Township	Washtenaw	2,785	\$ 291,502
811090	Manchester Township	Washtenaw	2,587	\$ 270,778
811100	Northfield Township	Washtenaw	8,673	\$ 907,790
811110	Pittsfield Charter Township	Washtenaw	38,921	\$ 4,073,805
811120	Salem Township	Washtenaw	6,293	\$ 658,679
811130	Saline Township	Washtenaw	2,248	\$ 235,295
811140	Scio Township	Washtenaw	17,921	\$ 1,875,765
811150	Sharon Township	Washtenaw	1,797	\$ 188,089
811160	Superior Charter Township	Washtenaw	14,287	\$ 1,495,400
811170	Sylvan Township	Washtenaw	2,992	\$ 313,168
811180	Webster Township	Washtenaw	6,809	\$ 712,688
811190	York Charter Township	Washtenaw	9,232	\$ 966,300
812015	Chelsea City	Washtenaw	5,416	\$ 566,885
812017	Dexter City	Washtenaw	4,715	\$ 493,512
812020	Milan City	Washtenaw	6,042	\$ 632,407

ARP for your community

From: Evan Pratt (pratte@washtenaw.org)

To: kenschwartz@superior-twp.org; bstumbo@ytown.org; brendamckinney@superior-twp.org; bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com; bridgewaterwpclerk@yahoo.com; gary@salem-mi.org; hjarrellroe@ytown.org; ctellas@twp-york.org; bshelby10121@yahoo.com; jan@loditownshipmi.org; doconnel91@gmail.com; moranmc@prodigy.net; mfusili@michfb.com

Cc: siddalls@wcroads.org; bobrinj@comcast.net; jpackard@mimilk.com; sthelen22@aol.com

Date: Monday, July 26, 2021, 10:32 AM EDT

Dear Township Officials;

Please find attached a draft proposal that my office and the Road Commission have shared with the County Board of Commissioners (BOC) and Administration.

As mentioned to those of you I have spoken with, the idea is to set aside some County ARP funds to match local community investment in stormwater infrastructure, which is especially difficult to fund. Nothing is set in stone at this time, the proposal suggests a small stakeholder group to flesh out more specifics if the BOC agrees to set aside funds.

At this time I write to ask three things of you:

1. Review the proposal concept and decide if you would be willing to speak during Public Comment at an upcoming BOC meeting. If so, it would also be good if one or more additional officials and/or residents from your community would also speak of the need for shared investment. The more the merrier on this one.
2. For context, the BOC has identified some 27 different service areas for possible funding (link below). You and your residents can help prioritize services using a survey they have prepared.
3. Circulate the survey as widely as possible in your community. Feel free to provide any additional comments directly to your County Commissioner about priorities.

The next two BOC meetings are on Wednesday, August 4th or September 1st. Meetings start at 6:30pm and are on Zoom. The link can be found [here](#), look for the instructions under "Participate".

This survey link seeks feedback on County investment in those 27 service areas. I do not know if the BOC has provided to Township officials, etc:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=knkPIIV8TkGMsQYy3TpSgictDoK4iYRChzJ7G4Cd0QJUNVdSSEZOVjZJMFJHNjM3SjJOTTk1VFJMNY4u>

Additional information on what the BOC is considering for ARP investments is at this link if that is helpful in responding to the survey: <https://www.washtenaw.org/3427/Washtenaw-Rescue-Plan>

You all are very experienced at what is most impactful during public comment, in general I would just suggest mentioning support for a matching program and describing the challenges of your limited budget, including the impact to your community of the current funding structure. Such as past road closures or other impacts of aging stormwater infrastructure. Or if you prefer to focus on another service area, go for it!

I know there are many competing priorities. The reason I have chosen to work with the Road Commission to suggest a modest shared investment in local stormwater infrastructure is because many of us have experienced the lack of funding available for the road-stream crossings specifically noted in the attached proposal and other needs. The attached proposal considers other stormwater as eligible, based on your needs. It is my experience that past investments in WCRC or WCWRC stormwater infrastructure by local units of government is often at the expense of road investment so this is an opportunity to do some catch up. While roads are not ARP eligible, this is a one-time opportunity to replace aging pipes or other structures with infrastructure better suited to future resilience.

Final thought: The pending federal infrastructure package will NOT include funds for local stormwater infrastructure or local roads. This is not commonly understood but I have shared with some BOC members.

I know I have not been able to speak directly with everyone, but feel free to contact me or Sheryl Siddall with any feedback or thoughts on anything, either the proposal, ARP, or funding in general. We believe this proposal will help, but expect that any final approved version may look different based on your input and the decisions of the BOC about competing needs.

My cell is (734) 277-5359

Evan

Evan Pratt

Water Resources Commissioner

Washtenaw County

Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office

705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103

(734) 222-6860

<https://www.washtenaw.org/drain>

Washtenaw County is still closed for in-person services. We apologize for any inconvenience. See our website for updates as we continue to monitor COVID-19 impacts to services <https://www.washtenaw.org/154/Water-Resources>

For the latest updates on COVID-19 in Washtenaw County, including information on number of confirmed cases to date, visit [washtenaw.org/covid19](https://www.washtenaw.org/covid19)

Fixing Washtenaw County’s Failing Local Road Culverts and Storm Sewers

Background

At this point, it is widely known that Michigan has a road problem due to decades of underinvestment. Less understood is the equally dire situation often lurking under Michigan’s roads – aging culverts, bridges, storm sewers and other underground storm water infrastructure.

To further confuse the general public, responsibility for these underground structures is not straightforward. In Washtenaw County, most, but not all, drainage structures along county roads fall under the Washtenaw County Road Commission’s (WCRC) jurisdiction. Regulated county drains fall under the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner’s (WCWRC) jurisdiction. Cities and villages are responsible for public storm water management systems within city limits. Private developers and individual property owners have responsibility over private storm water systems.

These storm water systems are “out of sight, out of mind” for many residents but that changes instantly when a structure fails. Unfortunately, this happened in Saline Township in 2013. A crossroad culvert on Arkona Rd failed and a combine fell into the massive hole. Thankfully, no one was hurt but the road was immediately closed and remained closed for a long time while the community scrambled to find money to replace it.

The problem is also exacerbated by funding restrictions on local roads and the storm water systems that support these roads. Local roads have less state funding available than primary roads and state law requires WCRC to have a financial partnership on any local road improvements, including major storm water improvements. Townships are frequently that financial partner, but they often struggle to fund all the improvements needed each year. Over the last 9 years, WCRC has worked with many townships and WCWRC to replace structures within their jurisdiction when funding allows but as shown in the chart below, there is still much work to do.

Condition Summary of Local Road Culverts between 5’ and 20’ in Diameter in Washtenaw County					
<i>Township</i>	<i># of Culverts in Poor Condition</i>	<i># of Weight Restricted or Closed Structures</i>	<i>Township</i>	<i># of Culverts in Poor Condition</i>	<i># of Weight Restricted or Closed Structures</i>
Ann Arbor	1	1	Pittsfield	3	3
Augusta	7	4	Salem	3	0
Bridgewater	1	1	Saline	2	1
Dexter	0	0	Scio	6	3
Freedom	2	0	Sharon	1	1
Lima	1	1	Superior	3	1
Lodi	6	4	Sylvan	2	1
Lyndon	0	0	Webster	4	2
Manchester	2	0	York	3	0
Northfield	3	3	Ypsilanti	3	0

As a structure under the road deteriorates, weight restrictions and closures are implemented to protect public safety. But these closures and weight restrictions impact thousands of residents each day. Many weight-restricted crossings are not safe for a fire truck or other heavy emergency vehicles, and closed crossings certainly require coordination with 911 dispatch and drivers. School buses, garbage trucks and agricultural equipment are similarly impacted, in some cases for years.

Proposal

Invest \$2.5 million from Washtenaw County's American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation into the local road culvert and storm sewer matching program.

On the county road system, repair or replacement costs of local road culverts are typically split equally between WCRC and the township. WCRC also helps fund repairs or replacements on projects involving regulated county drains. With the introduction of ARP funding into this program, the costs to replace a failed structure or drainage system would be split between these parties, reducing costs for each organization and allowing more work to be completed more quickly.

If allocated, WCRC will collaborate with the county administrator to develop the program and to allocate funds fairly based on need and location. It is important to note that, unlike the county, cities and villages, WCRC is not a recipient of ARP funds.

Why Now?

While Michigan's state road funding situation is improving, there is a long way to go. This is particularly true for improvements on local roads where there is very little state funding allocated per mile and very few roads are eligible for federal funds. Every year these roads continue to degrade, and old culverts and storm sewer systems are just getting older and less stable. This hidden infrastructure will become an even greater challenge as the county continues to deal with the effects of climate change, including larger and more frequent rain events.

Using a portion of Washtenaw County's ARP funds to "catch up" on as many failing structures as possible is transformational in many ways:

- Reduces the likelihood and frequency of flooding due to undersized and failing storm water systems.
- Helps thousands of residents travel more efficiently to and from their homes which reduces fuel/energy consumption and vehicle emissions.
- Allows for more direct routing for essential services such as emergency services and school buses, especially in rural parts of the county.
- Supports local businesses, including agriculture, by improving access to market.

Contact Us

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Managing Director
Washtenaw County Road Commission
siddalls@wcroads.org (734) 327- 6687

Evan Pratt, P.E.
Water Resources Commissioner
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- A [listing of townships with Qualified Census Tracts](#) (QCTs). Communities with QCTs have additional funding uses, to offset pandemic impacts on the hardest-hit populations.
- A [National Association of Towns and Townships Q&A document](#) that offers insights on many allowable uses (*not all allowable uses under ARPA are lawful expenditures under Michigan statute; consult your township attorney or MTA with questions.*)
- U.S. Treasury's [Frequently Asked Questions](#), which is updated often (latest update: July 14, 2021).
- Calculators (in Microsoft Excel) to **calculate revenue loss** (one of the four, broad uses for funding) are available [here](#) and [here](#).
- U.S. Treasury [Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) and a "Reporting Guidance" [webinar](#) and [presentation](#) for counties and "Metropolitan Cities"—which include Michigan's eight largest townships. A webinar for NEUs is forthcoming; watch MTA publications for details. NEUs' first reporting deadline is Oct. 31, 2021, and annually thereafter.
- Not sure whether your township has a DUNS number, which is a requirement of the application process? You can search in a [DUNS look-up here!](#)

MTA continues to update our ["Federal COVID-19 Relief" webpage](#) regularly and share important updates via eblast, social media and *Community Connection*. We will host additional free Q&A webinars on various topics, including reporting, uses, gathering stakeholder input, etc. As always, please continue to reach out to us with questions.

Supplemental funding approved for bridge and rail grade crossings

The Senate approved funding this week designating \$1.6 billion in federal funding from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to address bridge and rail grade separation issues. [Senate Bill 529](#), sponsored by Sen. Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City), provides supplemental appropriations for bridge repairs, rail grade separations as well as offset lost revenue for county road commissions. SB 529 includes \$1.3 billion for local bridge rehabilitation and replacement, creating a statewide program for the rehabilitation or replacement of bridges owned by local agencies. It also includes \$200 million for local bridge funding and \$126 million for rail grade separation. The bill will next be considered by the House.

Additional funds for secondary road patrol

An additional \$2.7 million was approved by the Senate this week for the Secondary Road Patrol Program. [Senate Bill 27](#), sponsored by Sen. Jim Stamas (R-Midland Chtr. Twp.), provides supplemental appropriations, utilizing federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to support the program that provides grants to county sheriff's departments for the patrol of secondary roads. The bill will next go to the governor for signature.

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June 9, 2021

Mr. Coy Vaughn, Director
Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
2230 Platt Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Re: Moyad Property

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

As the attorney for Bridgewater Township, I have been directed to respond to your letter dated April 1, 2021, regarding the Moyad Property.

The Township Board is opposed to this proposal for several reasons:

1. The Board objects to the demolition of the existing historical structure on the Moyad Property. Contrary to the assertion in letter, there are not other properties that are "better examples of its architecture" elsewhere in the Township. This is a unique property that should be preserved for its historical significance.
2. The Township already has two County preserves within its border and the County's track record in policing these preserves is less than stellar. The preserves have serious problems with dumping which are not addressed by County personnel. Further, the preserves have become magnets for criminal activity, including drug usage and loitering and there is no evidence that the Sheriff's department is focusing its attention on eliminating these problems.
3. Removing additional land from the tax rolls is unfair to the Township. Not only is the Township home to the two county preserves there are also existing and nominated agricultural lands which have reduced the tax base of a Township that already has a limited assessed value.
4. Given the fact that this property borders Columbia Lake, the establishment of a park on this land will convert what was previously a private lake to a public lake and the Township does not have the resources to adequately monitor this type of facility. Public safety would be put at risk. Based on the

fact that the County has not allocated the resources to police the existing preserves there is no reason to believe that the County will do any better in policing a new preserve with lake access.

5. Finally, the use of NAPP funds to purchase property that has a structure on it or to demolish a building in order to qualify the property, seems to be contrary to the very goals and purposes of the NAPP program.

We are more than happy to engage in a dialogue with the County to discuss these issues. It is the Township's hope that before any further action is taken on this proposal County representatives will sit down to address the issues raised in this letter.

Sincerely,
LUCAS LAW, PC



Frederick Lucas
Attorney at Law

cc: Laurie Fromhart

RE: Moyad Property/Bridgewater Township

From: Coy Vaughn (vaughnc@washtenaw.org)

To: lucas@lucaslawpc.com

Cc: bridgewaterwptreasurer@yahoo.com; faustsandandgravelinc@gmail.com; gm.lawncare@yahoo.com; bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com; bridgewaterwpclerk@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 10:11 PM EDT

Hi Mr. Lucas,

I just wanted to provide a quick update on the Moyad Property. NATAC recently took action on the property and elected NOT to move forward with acquisition. Please let me know if you have questions.

Coy



Coy Vaughn

Director | **Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission**

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e. vaughnc@washtenaw.org | w. washtenaw.org/parks

Parks Administration | 2230 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104



Due to COVID-19 health & safety measures, access to the Parks Administration Office is limited to appointments only. For the latest updates on COVID-19 in Washtenaw County, visit washtenaw.org/covid19.

From: Coy Vaughn <vaughnc@washtenaw.org>

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:04 AM

To: Frederick Lucas <lucas@lucaslawpc.com>; Ginny L. Leikam <leikamg@washtenaw.org>

Cc: Amy Ahrens <bridgewaterwptreasurer@yahoo.com>; David Faust <faustsandandgravelinc@gmail.com>; Geoffrey Oliver <gm.lawncare@yahoo.com>; Laurie Fromhart <bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com>; Michelle McQueer <bridgewaterwpclerk@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Moyad Property/Bridgewater Township

Mr. Lucas,

Thank you for your response regarding the Moyad property. I will forward your letter to NATAC for consideration as we make a final decision.

Hebb dogs

From: Brenda Marion (bj.marion@gmail.com)

To: rodney@buildingplace.net; bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 09:03 AM EDT

The dogs at the Hebb property are continuing to bark constantly through out the day. Almost everyday all day.. Year after year. I am concerned these dogs don't get out of their kennels enough. Have not seen any dogs on the property in many years. You have stated she said ferral cats are a problem but the constant barking and intensity doesn't seem a reasonable explanation. There are other dogs near by but there is a big difference in the barking.

Re: can you help us ?

From: ellie wagner (jayeli72@gmail.com)

To: bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 02:32 PM EDT

Laurie,

Thank you, I appreciate your attention to this. It has been very frustrating even just trying to contact anyone. Plus their site is not the most intuitive when trying to find anything. I hope I do hear from someone soon.

You will find this interesting.....In March when they were out to remove yet another dead branch/segment from the road, the guys stopped in their tracks and actually moved out from under the two trees because they were creaking so loudly in the wind!!! I hoped that maybe that would encourage them to take them down sooner, but guess not.

Will keep you updated.

Thanks again,
Ellie Wagner

On Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 2:26 PM Laurie Fromhart <bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com> wrote:

Ellie,

I contacted our district foreman Roark Freeman with the road commission and he is going to look into the tree issue on your road. He will also be in contact with you. If you don't hear from him please let me know.

I'm so sorry for your trouble and understand your frustration. I will try to do what I can to see that this issue gets resolved.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Laurie Fromhart
Bridgewater Township Supervisor
10990 Clinton Rd
Manchester, MI 48158
Cell: 734.223.2766
Email: bridgewaterwpsupervisor@yahoo.com

On Monday, July 12, 2021, 06:13:53 PM EDT, ellie wagner <jayeli72@gmail.com> wrote:

Laurie,

Hello and happy Monday. Sorry to bother you with this but I just don't know where to turn at this point. Our family has lived in Bridgewater township now for 22 years and have loved everything about it. As you know many of us on rural roads endure quite a bit of things such as delayed plowing of snow in the winter, potholes, mud and much more. We have even dealt with the closure of our road for bridge repair. (Bemis between Schneider and Ernst). As rural residents we stay prepared for many things and take care of many more ourselves. However, the time has come for Washtenaw Co road commission to do their part.

We have two very large and very old trees that are in dire need of being taken down. They have been losing limbs and will eventually fall completely into the roadway. As pieces did in March of this year necessitating WCRC to remove it.

Sadly, I have placed the formal request to have WCRC remove the two trees which ARE within the 33 ft right of way. This has now been 2 YEARS!! I have talked to them by phone and email trying to get the dangerous trees removed to no avail. In March a large portion did fall into the roadway and only since it was in the road did they come and push it to the side.

Please know we have been very patient but today as my husband was mowing and without any wind a large branch came down missing him by just inches!!! Needless to say I have had enough and I hope you may be able to influence the WCRC to take these down????

So you know, I placed the permit request to have WCRC over 2 years ago. Spoke to them by phone and email over the past two years. Recently dealing with Lisa Jones - Permit clerk who again told be about their "long list" of needs. If you want emails I can send them.

I am hoping you can help me.

Thank you,

Ellie Wagner

12003 Bemis road.

Washtenaw County Road Commission

Operations Report: 05/24/2021 thru 06/06/2021

Board Meeting Date: June 15, 2021

MAINTENANCE

Scraping of gravel roads and patching of paved roads were performed throughout the county. In addition, the following maintenance activities were performed in individual townships:

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

- Chipsealing – Willis Road
- Limestone Patch – Bunton Road, Country Lane, Judd Road, Macey Road, Pinehurst Drive, Rawsonville Road, Tuttle Hill Road: 155 tons

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

- Gravel Patch – Sheridan Road: 15 tons
- Limestone Patch – Allen Road, Lima Center Road, Wilbur Road, Willow Road: 72 tons
- Local Road Dust Control

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

- Brush Removal – Island Lake Road, McGregor Road
- Fallen Trees – Island Lake Road, Rainbow Drive
- Gravel Patch Shoulders – Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter Townhall Road: 29 tons
- Local Road Dust Control

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

- Gravel Patch – Bethel Church Road: 25 tons
- Limestone Patch – Bethel Church Road: 12 tons
- Local Road Dust Control
- Primary Road Dust Control
- Roadside Debris – Pleasant Lake Road

LIMA TOWNSHIP

- Limestone Patch – Fletcher Road, Trinkle Road: 21 tons
- Local Road Dust Control

LODI TOWNSHIP

- Local Road Dust Control
- Primary Road Dust Control

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

- Fallen Trees – Boyce Road

Washtenaw County Road Commission

Operations Report: 06/07/2021 thru 06/27/2021

Board Meeting Date: July 6, 2021

MAINTENANCE

Scraping of gravel roads and patching of paved roads were performed throughout the county. In addition, the following maintenance activities were performed in individual townships:

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

- Fallen Trees – Dixboro Road, Warren Road
- Flooding – Geddes Road
- Limestone Patch – Earhart Road: 15 tons
- Limestone Resurfacing Project – Gleaner Hall Road, Maple Road, Stein Road: 1,506 tons
- Roadside Debris – Plymouth Road

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

- Drainage and Backslopes – Tuttle Hill Road
- Limestone Patch – Gooding Road, Judd Road, Liss Road, McCrone Road, McKean Road, Stony Creek Road, Tuttle Hill Road: 210 tons
- Local Road Dust Control
- Primary Road Dust Control

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

- Fallen Trees – Allen Road, Austin Road, Hogan Road, Logan Road, Schellenberger Road, Sheridan Road, Sylvan Road
- Gravel Patch – Hogan Road, Neal Road, Schwab Road, Sheridan Road: 28 tons
- Limestone Patch – Allen Road, Burmeister Road, Fisk Road, Hoelzer Road, Lima Center Road, Logan Road, Schellenberger Road, Wilbur Road, Willow Road: 23 tons
- Local Road Dust Control

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

- Boom Mow – Dexter-Pinckney Road, Hankerd Road, Noah Road, North Territorial Road
- Fallen Trees – Dexter-Pinckney Road, Hankerd Road
- Limestone Patch – Brand Road, Trinkle Road, Wylie Road: 27 tons

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

- Fallen Trees – Ellsworth Road, Steinbach Road
- HMA Mill and Resurface – Pleasant Lake Road
- Limestone Patch Shoulders – Schneider Road: 14 tons

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY 7 PM June 21, 2021
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL
10990 CLINTON RD.

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM
- II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Present: Horney (remote, in Indianapolis IN) Messing (remote, in Bridgewater), Barbu, Oliver. Iwanicki absent. Quorum present.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA – Moved Horney, second Oliver. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Moved Horney, second Oliver. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - A. May 17, 2021 Planning Commission meeting
- V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None
 - None Scheduled
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Set a public hearing date and location for proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments # 67-5 and # 67-6.

The Bridgewater Township Board suggested to Mr. Horney at the recent Board meeting that a public hearing should be held on the zoning ordinance amendments. Discussion by the Planning Commission members indicated that there was general agreement on the need for a public hearing. There was discussion about the need to publicize the public hearing widely to get input from all interested township

residents and there was agreement that postcards announcing the public hearing would be sent to all township residents.

The other item for the public hearing was an amendment to eliminate the commercial district along Michigan Ave and fold those activities into the Bridgewater Hamlet commercial zoning district to align with the current Master Plan.

There was general agreement that, with the lifting of pandemic restrictions, the public hearing could be held in the township hall.

Motion: Horney moved to set a Public Hearing on zoning ordinance amendments # 67-5 (commercial solar) and # 67-6 (eliminate commercial district on Michigan Ave) for 7:00 PM, Monday, August 16, 2021 at the Bridgewater Township Hall with additional public notification by US mail. Second by Barbu.

Vote: Horney - yes; Messing - yes; Barbu - yes; Oliver - yes. Iwanicki absent.

A copy of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments are on file with the Clerk at the township hall.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Zoning Administrators Report – Mr. Nanney’s report is on file.

B. Trustees Report - Oliver: The Board meeting was concerned mostly with budget and road issues.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Mr. Nanney gave an update on a bill in the legislature that would remove all control over mineral extraction permits from local

government and another to force local governments to treat short term rentals the same as normal residential property.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII ADJOURNMENT – Moved to adjourn Horney, support Oliver. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM by unanimous voice vote.

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BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY 7 PM July 12, 2021
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL
10990 CLINTON RD.

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM
- II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Present: Horney Messing (remote, in Bridgewater), Barbu, Oliver. Iwanicki absent. Quorum present.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA – Moved Horney, second Messing.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Moved Horney, second Oliver. Approved
by unanimous voice vote.
 - A. June 21, 2021 Planning Commission meeting
- V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – Mary & Kevin Kratz, 13435 E Michigan Ave, Clinton MI asked about the status of the commercial solar ordinance because they have lease offers for their property. Brad Korte of Korte Dairy Farm LLC on Neblo Rd, Clinton Mi and Doug & Karen Sherman, 13302 Neblo Rd, Clinton MI also had questions about the ordinance because of lease offers. Mr. Horney said that a public hearing on the proposed ordinance would take place on August 16. He said that the Planning Commission has thoroughly studied the issues concerning the proposed ordinance and, with consideration of the input from the public hearing will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees about a proposed ordinance after August 16. The final decision on such an ordinance will be made by the Board of Trustees.
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

None Scheduled

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continue ordinance review/update

Horney asked if we need to update Sections 3 & 4, concerning home businesses. Discussion among the commissioners led to general agreement that mechanisms were in place to deal with home businesses and there was no need to change the ordinance.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Zoning Administrators Report – Mr. Nanney reported that a citizen told him of a new pole barn that was found to be without permits and the owner was informed of the process to get the needed permits. Mr Nanney investigated a property dispute between neighbors on Austin Rd. Mr. Nanney investigated complaints about late hours and excessive noise from the Blum Farm and found them to be due to a misunderstanding by the complainant of the hours and noise rules.

B. Trustees Report - Oliver: There was no Board meeting in July.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Mr. Nanney gave an update on bills in the legislature that would remove all control over mineral extraction permits from local government and another to force local governments to treat short term rentals the same as normal residential property. He encouraged contact with our representatives to make known our views on these items.

Several commissioners reported contact from Invenergy pushing for a decision on the commercial solar ordinance.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII ADJOURNMENT – Moved to adjourn Horney, support Messing. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM by unanimous voice vote.



Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force
Established by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
Working to Achieve Countywide Broadband Equity by 2022



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 17, 2021
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

- I. Call to Order | Introductions / Roll Call
Chair Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
Broadband Task Force Members Present:
- | | |
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| Ann Arbor Township | Diane O’Connell |
| Augusta Township | Belynda Domas |
| Bridgewater Township | Don Stein |
| Dexter Township | Karen Nolte |
| Freedom Township | Valisa Bristle |
| Lyndon Township | Gary Munce |
| Manchester Township | Lisa Moutinho |
| Northfield Township | LJ Walter |
| Saline Township | Gary Pirkola |
| Scio Township | Alec Jerome |
| Sharon Township | Represented by Chair Fuller |
| Sylvan Township | Amanda Nimke Ballard |
| Webster Township | John Kingsley |
| Jason Maciejewski | Commissioner, District 1 |
| Shannon Beeman | Commissioner, District 3 |
- Chair Barb Fuller
Vice Chair Ben Fineman
Kyle Mazurek (Comcast)
- Others Present:**
Chris Scharrer
Lamar Weir (Congresswoman Debbie Dingell’s Office)
Chris Leonello
Jared Mauch
Justin Heinze
- II. Approval of the Agenda
Agenda moved by Kingsley/Supported by Nimke-Ballard
Unanimous approval
- III. Approval of May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Moved by Walter/Supported Stein
Unanimous Approval

IV. Updates

- Fineman updated the group on gap-filling efforts
- Approximately 3,000 households remain unserved after RDOF and CMIC
- RFP garnered bids that would cover all unserved
- Executive group is working to refine and evaluate

- Asking County to utilize their ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding to help close the gap, but townships are encouraged to use their ARPA funding for broadband and help the County's Board of Commissioners make their allocation (refer to memo/resolution)

- Commissioner Maciejewski added that ARPA funds are being allocated via resolution and there will be an opportunity for public engagement.
- The Board has \$71 million to allocate, it is a difficult decision
- Vote on allocation will not happen in July
- Encouraged the group to continue to advocate for the broadband allocation as public engagement is very important to the Board of Commissioners

- Commissioner Beeman encouraged township leaders and residents to come forward and advocate at Board of Commissioner meetings

- Chair Fuller asked the group to keep talking about this issue and encourage others to do so, Livingston (Unadilla) and Detroit are working to make the same broadband decisions as us

- Commissioner Maciejewski said the County has the money now, we shouldn't wait for other legislation – move now as we're ready to go

- Diane O'Connell will bring resolution of support to their township board meeting on Monday

- Chair Fuller asked all townships who have not already done so to bring the resolution in support to their board as well

- Michigan Townships Association is holding an ARPA funding webinar later today (Lisa sent members link)

- Various members of the group discussed strategies on communicating, including reminding residents Washtenaw County would be the first in the State of Michigan to achieve 100% broadband coverage

- Kyle Mazurek stated that Comcast continues to work and advocate on behalf of broadband equity

V. Action Items

No Action Taken

VI. New Business

None

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. Township Updates

None

IX. Public Comment

Lamar Weir of Congresswoman Dingell's office let the group know he'd be moving on to a different role and another representative would be attending BBTF meetings on behalf of the Congresswoman. He also added that the Congresswoman continues to be involved and advocating in rural areas and cities where a high percentage of black students suffer with home schooling challenges.

Chair Fuller thanked Lamar for his attention and attendance at the meetings and responded that broadband equity is truly a countywide effort.

X. Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Walter/Supported by Beeman
The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: July15, 2021 @ 8:00-9:00AM – Zoom format



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BBTF UPDATE

FROM: Barb Fuller, Chair Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force
DATE: July 15, 2021 (submitted 07-10-21)

TAKE ACTION

- **TAKE THE SURVEY to set priorities for American Rescue Plan funds**
10 minute survey – Complete ASAP – By July 20th
Link to the ARP Input Survey:
<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=knkPIIV8TkGMsQYy3TpSgictDoK4iYRChzJ7G4Cd0QJUNVdSSEZOVjZJMFJHNjM3SjJOTTk1VFJMny4u>
Survey responses will be the tool by which the BOC will measure the public's preferences for allocating ARP funds.
- **ATTEND** the August 4, 2021 6:30 PM virtual BOC meeting to support the requested allocation for the Broadband Gap-Filling initiative

To join the BOC zoom meeting use this link and then follow the instructions in red text
<https://www.washtenaw.org/2874/Board-Meeting-Agendas-Minutes>
- **ADOPT** a Township Resolution supporting allocation of American Rescue Plan dollars towards the deployment of high-speed broadband to areas not included in RDOF or CMIC awards.
 - Template is provided
 - Forward to Lisa Moutinho moutinho@washtenaw.org
 - Resolutions have been received from the Townships of Sharon, Freedom, Scio, Manchester, Saline, Sylvan, Bridgewater and Augusta. Lima, Lodi to follow.
- **PROTECT** Township **American Rescue Plan dollars** to support the deployment of high-speed broadband.

INFORMATIONAL:

- July 7, 2021 BOC authorized up to \$113,000 general fund dollars from the County's 2020 year end surplus, to construct an underground fiber network between the City of Ann Arbor and the City of Ypsilanti. This Fiber Optic Backbone Project is not a BBTF project.
- July 16, 2021 BBTF Gap-Filling funding request submitted to BOC for their August 4, 2021 regular meeting
- August 4, 2021 BOC Meeting where request for Broadband Gap-Filling funds will be considered
- Over 179 testimonials from individuals and organizations have been received in support of the BOC allocating up to \$14,672,270.00 American Rescue Plan dollars to implement the Gap-Filling initiative to achieve 100% broadband coverage in Washtenaw County

ATTACHMENTS:

- August 4, 2021 to BOC - Background Statement and Resolution about allocating up to \$14,672,270.00 American Rescue Plan funds for the Broadband Gap-Filling initiative
- Template Resolution of support to the BOC for allocation of American Rescue Plan funds to deploy high speed broadband to otherwise unserved areas