

Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

5-Sep-19 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 Oliver; Trustee McQueer; Trustee Wharam

Absent: None

Citizen attendance: 18

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- A citizen commented on hardship on the people and the township because of the high cost.
- A citizen commented on how the drain will not help him.
- A citizen commented on how he was told in 2006 that a new drain needed board approval; asked about the maintenance fee that the citizens are paying

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the 1-Aug-19 meeting minutes as amended – Mr. Faust; support –Ms. McQueer; vote – unanimous

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

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

V. BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE TILE COUNTY DRAIN UPDATE – SCOTT MILLER

- Mr. Miller described a little of the history of the drain
- The county drain was installed in 1924
- County does not get money from state or federal government; money only comes from special assessments
- Were petitioned by the township in 2000 to repair the drain, determined to suspend repair due to sewer installation
- Repaired drain in 2011, 2013, 2016 & 2018,
- This time the drain commissioned was petitioned by citizens for replacement; determination board determined that replacement is needed
- Drain Commission approved plan by Spicer Engineering for most of drain; have finalized plan; sent out for bids
- Only repairs can be performed without a petition
- Repairs under \$10,000 can be done using the Drain Commission budget
- Cost of replacement is spread across Freedom, Bridgewater & Saline townships; county is responsible for 6.8% of cost; portion is based upon roads
- Section 391 of drain code describes abandonment of drain
- Section 395 of drain code describes relinquishment of drain
- The current cost numbers from county are an estimate
- Using an open ditch would be a challenge due to depth of drain
- Would replace only clay tile, not the repaired tile
- Mr. Miller described some of the cost reductions and believes that the cost is about as low as it can go

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed Accounts Payable Policy Discussion (Incorporates ACH & Credit Card Use Policies)

- Motion to table until 3-Oct-19 meeting - Ms. Fromhart; support - Ms. McQueer; vote - unanimous

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financials & Approve Disbursements

- Motion to approve immediate payment of \$2,224.73 to Michigan Pump – Mr. Wharam – support - Mr. Faust
- Motion to approve disbursements of \$28,220.43 for general operations and \$6,139.55 for sewer operations; total expenditure of \$34,360.03 for the month of August – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

B. Approve Road Projects for 22A Gravel

- Road gravel cannot be used on limestone roads
- Motion to direct Ms. Fromhart to use 22A on Arkona Road - Ms. McQueer; support - Mr. Oliver; vote - unanimous

C. Washtenaw County Broadband Task Force Representative Appointment

- Motion to approve Don Stein as representative with Cal Messing as alternate - Ms. McQueer; support - Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

D. Bridgewater Commons Development Follow-Up

- Mr. Finkbeiner was present
- Ms. Fromhart told Mr. Finkbeiner that Kris Enlow needs well permits
- Easements are for the east side of road only
- Need minor site plan amendments
- Need as-built plans
- Ms. Fromhart will send a new letter containing the items needed

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Safety Report

- A written report from the sheriff's department is included in Board packet

B. Supervisor's Report

- See board packet plus

C. Assessor's Report

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

D. Clerk's Report

- DRAFT 2020-2024 5-Year Recreation Master Plan is available
- WISD proposal passed by 55.85%; Bridgewater turnout was 14.8%

E. Treasurer's Report

- A written report from Ms. McQueer was submitted and is on record
- Motion to approve up to \$400 for the latest version of QuickBooks – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote - unanimous

F. Trustees' Report

- Trustee Faust

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- Xela Pack and Bridgewater Common invoices need to be charged to the customer
- Trustee Oliver
 - None

G. Zoning Administrator's Report

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

H. Planning Commission

- The meeting minutes are included in Board packet

I. Farmland Preservation Board Report

- No meeting

IX. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- None

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Fromhart adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

APPROVED