

Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

1-Oct-20 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 McQueer; Trustee Oliver; Trustee Wharam

Absent: N/A

Citizen attendance: 9

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- A citizen talked about their support for solar project, believing that the township was moving too slowly

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes of 3-Sep-20 as presented – Mr. Faust; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous
- Motion to approve the meeting minutes 24-Sep-20 special meeting as presented – Mr. Oliver; support – Mr. Faust; vote – unanimous

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

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

V. PRESENTATION OF 2020 AUDIT

- Rana Emmons presented the annual audit for 2019 – 2020 fiscal year
- Received highest rating possible
- Township is in good financial shape
- Motion to accept Audited Financial report for the fiscal year ending 31-Mar-20 – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Faust; vote – unanimous

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Gerken Materials Inc. Reclamation Bond Evaluation

- No updates

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. Approval of Claims Listing

- Motion to approve disbursements of \$28,275.91 for general operations and \$14,127.51 for sewer operations; total expenditure of \$42,403.42 for the month of September – Mr. Wharam; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

C. Sewer Operation & Maintenance User Fees

- Ms. McQueer present a 5-year budget
- Would like to lower the monthly fee
- There are a lot of expenditures for equipment repairs
- Motion to lower the per REU rate for the Bridgewater Sewer District to \$90/month and move \$100,000 from savings to the capital improvements fund – Ms. McQueer; support - Mr. Faust; vote – unanimous

D. Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension

- Motion to extend existing METRO act permit for AT&T until 31-Mar-26 – Ms. Fromhart; support – Mr. Oliver; vote - unanimous

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E. JD Janitorial LLC Proposal

- Motion to approve one-time cleaning of sewer plant by JD Janitorial LLC for \$550.00 – Ms. McQueer; support – Mr. Oliver; vote – unanimous

VIII. 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
- Planning commission would like input on solar energy

C. Assessor's Report

- A written report was received from Ms. Rider

D. Clerk's Report

- Getting ready for elections; over 525 AV ballots
- We need to apply for Federal aid since 2% (28 so far) of the township is blind or disabled
- Due to misinformation about AV voting, getting many more calls to calm voting concerns

E. Treasurer's Report

- Clean-up day is 3-Oct-20, no tires
- Taxes due the 14th; only 6% delinquent

F. Trustees' Report

- Trustee Faust
 - Michigan Pump Repair should be paid when the bill arrives
- Trustee Oliver
 - Nothing

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 for September

I. Planning Commission

- The minutes are in the board packet
- Need a replacement for Kathy Baetens

J. Farmland Preservation Board Report

- There was no meeting in September

IX. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Nick Standiford, lawyer for Utility Scale Solar Energy, introduced himself
- Aaron Enzer said that it appears to him that the board does not want to talk about his tax concerns

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X. ADJOURNMENT

- Ms. Fromhart adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

APPROVED