



BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting - Preliminary Minutes
Bridgeton Township Hall
11830 Warner Ave, Grant, MI 49327
7:00 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2021

Routine Business

- A. Supervisor Barnhard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Members Present: Barnhard, Dore, Holmes, Szczepaniak Thompson
- C. Motion by Holmes, supported by Dore, to approve the agenda. **APPROVED 5-0.**
- D. Motion by Holmes, supported by Barnhard, to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021. **APPROVED 5-0.**

CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 APPROVE AGENDA
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Items

- A. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Motion by Szczepaniak, supported by Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda including Treasurer's, Assessor's, Zoning Administrator's reports, and Planning Commission October 2021 minutes. **APPROVED 5-0.**
- C. Clerk's Report – Motion by Dore, supported by Barnhard, to approve the Clerk's Report. **APPROVED 5-0.**
- B. Paying past taxes. \$1595.29 owed in back taxes. Contacting Hendon&Slate to go over these bills and verify that the payment is needed. Table until January Meeting
- D. Planning Commission and ZBA – Motion by Szczepaniak, supported by Barnhard, to appoint Joseph Howes to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. **APPROVED 5-0.**
- E. Ace Hardware account – Supervisor Barnhard makes note that with the cost of supplies rising the Board will be limiting the use of the Ace Account to save money by purchasing in bulk elsewhere. Setting up a sheet/form to fill out for supply runs in the hall as well. Motion by Thompson, supported by Dore, to remove other Board Members and Township Employees from the Ace Account, leaving Barnhard as the sole account. **APPROVED 5-0.**
- F. Township debit card – Discussion about setting up a township debit card for expenses to save the Township costs for the cost of checks, ink and waiting for reimbursement. Tabled until January or for Budget Meetings.
- G. Drop box for hall keys – Discussion over the purchase of a dropbox for the Township Hall to use for rental keys being returned to ensure the safety of the hall. Barnhard motions to purchase the dropbox for the hall, seconded by Dore. **APPROVED 5-0.**
- H. 2022 Meeting Dates – Meetings will remain on the 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- J. Class Approval for MAMC meeting – Motion by Barnhard, supported by Dore, to reimburse Szczepaniak for the MAMC Master Academy. Szczepaniak abstains. **APPROVED 4-0.**
- I. Hall furnace needs serviced – Prior serviceman is no longer working with the Township so Treasurer Holmes has offered to have the furnace serviced by Mr.Holmes, at no charge to the Township, excluding parts for Thompson motions to have Mr.Holmes services Dore seconds.

STANDING REPORTS
 CLERK'S REPORT
 TAXES

2022 MEETING DATES

Information Items

- A. Bob Dore: Planning Commission overview – Fish Farm has backed out its offer to purchase the land and build in the Township for now

- B. Bryan Kolk: County Commission report – 911 Call center surcharge on phone bills will stay on bills to cover costs if Legislature passes, The Right Place is developing a sub-committee to work in Newaygo County specifically to encourage relationships with businesses and local government in and around Bridgeton. Inmate count back up to almost max due to rising Meth related crimes around the area.
- C. Jodi Nelson: Sexton/Parks Manager (reimbursement for damage to pole barn update).
- D. Junk Ordinance: To be addressed by the Planning Commission at their next meeting to be held in January, Board will not act without Planning Commission notes.
- E. American Rescue Plan Act: First payment received and discussion about how spending will be
- F. Township website: Price quotes from business services for web design too far over price point set by Township Board, meeting set for Wed. Dec. 15th to discuss web design with a new designer.
- G. SWS Garbage service: Pickup is now Wednesday mornings. Swapped services from Republic Trash.
- H. Muskegon River Watershed: Update on Maple River project -- Survey sent out to check if the project is still cleared for go ahead on testings in the Maple River. Donation asked for in letter sent to the Township Board. No donation given at this time, amount previously donated being checked and will be approved/denied during January Meeting.
- I. Upcoming Dates:
 - December 14th: Board of Review, 7pm
 - December 21st: Zoning Board of Appeals, 7pm
 - February 21st: Training with Ryan Coffey (immediately after PC meeting).
- J. Fish Farm Update - Atlantis Development Co. has pulled out the request for rezoning from the Township Planning Commission. Exploring other options for building of the proposed area.

Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meeting Dates

- 1/10/2022 7:00 p.m., Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Township Hall
- 2/14/2022 7:00 p.m., Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, Township Hall

FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Comments: New recording secretary appointed to the Planning Commission, DeAnn McClintock, following the resignation of Marcia Annis-Vanover.

Public Comment (limit comments to 3 minutes) – Three attendees provided comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Barnhard opened the floor for public comment. For those with further comments / suggestions / questions, please call the Supervisor at 231-747-0416 to set up an appointment to talk in length. Communication Forms are available by the door where you can provide contact information to continue the conversation.

There being no further agenda items, Supervisor Barnhard adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Elisha Szczepaniak, Clerk

Janis Barnhard, Supervisor