

## May 23, 2022 Bridgeton Township Board Meeting Minutes

### Routine Business:

- A. Supervisor Barnhard calls the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call – All members present. Thompson, Dore, Barnhard, Holmes and Szczepaniak
- C. Approval of Agenda – Approval of Agenda motioned by Holmes and seconded by Dore. Passed 5-0
- D. Approval of April 2022 Meeting Minutes – Approval of Minutes motioned by Holmes and seconded by Barnhard. Passed 5-0
- E. Public Comment: Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit per speaker):

Chris Foster: Austrian Pine and Hazel Dr. – Mansfield Property updating information. Digging down to the clay is not how the pond should be built. Clay should be placed into the pond. Water is still out being tested by EGLE

Carolyn Drake: Issues on headstone sizing, and conforming to the Ordinance. Issue addressed by Sexton Nelson and Supervisor Barnhard

Nikki Baker: Muskegon River Campground has a website up and running prior to Board approval of special land use.

Jason Carmer: The campground is already licensed and has been for over a decade now. The campground was used for private church as well as public events. Gave quotes from the Master Plan of Bridgeton that states it wants to open more access to jobs and economic growth.

### Action Items:

- A. Consent Agenda – Treasurer, Assessor, Zoning Admin Report, Planning Commission Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Dore. Passed 5-0
- B. Clerk's Report – Total Bills for April: \$24,920.90 Expanded list offered at Hall hours by Clerks Department. Approval of Bills made by Holmes, seconded by Thompson. Passed 5-0
- C. Tax Assessor Position – Letters of Interest to Review: Annette Messenger is the only application to review for the position. Barnhard motions to hire Annette as the new Township Assessor. Seconded by Holmes.  
Thompson-Yes Dore-Yes Barnhard-Yes Holmes-Yes Szczepaniak-Yes Vote Passes 5-0
- D. ZBA Position Opening – Letter of Interest to Review: Timothy Pritty to be placed on the Zoning Board. Motion by Barnhard, seconded by Dore.  
Thompson-Yes Dore-Yes Barnhard-Yes Holmes-Yes Szczepaniak-Yes Vote Passes 5-0
- E. Gardner Shoreline Services: Docks to be placed before end of May: Weather permitting. Holmes motions to pay \$2000 for dock placement. Seconded by Barnhard. Passes 5-0
- F. ARPA Workshop Summary Review: Each item listed (Items A-G) will be price quoted before approval, motion made by Thompson, seconded by Dore. Passes 5-0
  - a. Gutters on Hall
  - b. Furnace Upgrade
  - c. Digital/Letter Sign on Hall
  - d. Hall Updates/Workstations
  - e. Sidewalks around rear of hall

- f. Power washing of Hall Exterior
  - g. Painting of interior of Hall
  - h. Pontem Cemetery Software Quote and Purchase Approval – Motion to purchase software made by Dore for the purchase at a price of \$3,285.00, seconded by Barnhard. Vote passes 4-1 Thompson nay
- G. Muskegon Motorcycle Club – September 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> dates for event applications. Dore motions to accept the event assembly application as written, Holmes seconds. Passes 5-0
  - H. D&B Brine - \$5,220.00 per application (Quote the same as last year pricing) Thompson motions to approve up to 5 Brines, Barnhard seconds. Passes 5-0 Barnhard motions to pay for First Brine that has occurred at a price of \$5,220, Holmes seconds. Passes 5-0
  - I. Outside Contractor to lay specialized slabs for headstones – The size of the headstone as well as the density may raise issues with it sinking later. The cost of the additional concrete will be paid for by the owner of the plots. Supervisor Barnhard took input from prior Clerk Drake and Prior Sexton Luanne on the sizing issues and read from the Ordinance on the sizing issues. The item has been tabled for further discussion. To be address next month.
  - J. Park Manager and Park Attendant’s Contract Review – Holmes motions to approve the Parks Manager contract as written, Dore seconds. Passes 5-0  
Park Attendant Contract changes read aloud to the Board. Copies of the new contracts are available for inspection during office hours upon request. Thompson motions to approve the new Park Attendant Contracts with the written change of 2 workers to be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> during the River Clean-Up, Barnhard seconded. Passes 5-0.

Information Items:

- A. Mansfield Property – Planning Commission members allowed to visit the site on a few time blocks to inspect the area of work and note issues with the property and how the written site plans differ from the current project.
- B. Muskegon River Campground – Board approval is delayed, as the Planning Commission did not approve or deny any restrictions on the campground. The Planning Commission will have to address the issue of Special Land Usage on any changes on the property. The property will be allowed to continue in operation as it existed.
- C. Bob Dore: Planning Commission Overview – Main points of the PC Meeting were discussed during rest of the meeting, many concerns over the Mansfield Property and the new Muskegon River Campground. Full Minutes available for inspection during Hall Office Hours
- D. Bryan Kolk: County Commission Report – Tires not accepted during the clean-up, tire collection day to be posted later, tentative date of June 18<sup>th</sup>
- E. Jodi Nelson: Sexton/Park Manager Report – Dying tree to be replaced at the Bridgeton Boat launch as needed by the Grant the Township received for it. Concerns over the mowing at the launches address. Cemetery has flags placed for Memorial Day. Possible regrading of the launch again, may place either gravel or sand to support the wash out from reoccurring. Motion made by Holmes to allow up to \$4000 to be spent to fix the road of the launches, seconded by Barnhard. Passes 5-0
- F. Update from Newaygo County Road Commission – Road Commissioner spoke to Supervisor Barnhard on the replacement of stop signs and signs within the Township.

- a. 104<sup>th</sup> and Maple Island – Stop Sign Replaced with updated area.
- b. 104<sup>th</sup> and Dickinson – No issue with road area, Sign to be updated with new stripes
- c. South River Dr. – Road to be restriped and Speed Limit Signs to be moved for visibility. Pedestrian Walk-Way to be placed in front of River Rat.
- d. Filbert Issues – Road Worker has stated that Filbert was never a planned road, but grew size wise from a 2-track trail. Can give quotes on surface upgrade types if interested.
- e. Fitzgerald – Needs more specific information of what sections of the road the Township would like worked on. This again is quoted as being a road that originated out of a 2-track/driveway easement.
- f. Gave examples of different types of road finishing applications –Dolomite on 116<sup>th</sup> and Gravel on 104<sup>th</sup> and Plymouth roadway.
- g. Other road areas of concern to be noted by County Road Commission after more time spent surveying. Road Commission to offer 20% coverage on work done from these projects

Board Comments: No Board Comment Given

Public Comment: Vikki Baker- Has issues with how the building of the pole barn occurred before the house on the Mansfield Property.

Other issues on how the barn has been built before the house.

Amber Heard: Is there a time frame set for the closing down the sand hauling and trucks moving in and out of the property?

Site was full of dead trees and timber, the land was partly cleared for fire prevention in the area.

Issues with the noise and dust/dirt that is caused by the build and movement of materials from the property.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Barnhard, at 8:20p.m. seconded by Dore. Passed 5-0

Submitted by Clerk Elisha Szczepaniak