

Bridgeton Township
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Township business. Comments from the audience will be limited to times when the

Supervisor opens the meeting to public comment. When public comment is allowed, please limit your responses to 3 minutes so

everyone gets a chance to speak. Please refrain from speaking when the Board is conducting their business. If you find that you have

comments/suggestions/ questions that need further discussion, please call the Supervisor at 231-747-0416 to set up an appointment to

talk in length. Also, communication forms are available by the door that you may fill out to continue the conversation.

****NOTICE CHANGE TO AGENDA: IN ORDER TO RUN MEETINGS MORE EFFICIENTLY, CHANGES TO THE AGENDA HAVE BEEN MADE. A**

THREE MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT WILL NOW BE OFFERED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY. PUBLIC

COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC WILL STILL BE OFFERED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING. WE ASK THE PUBLIC TO PLEASE REFRAIN

FROM TALKING, ASKING QUESTIONS OR RAISING YOUR HAND TO BE CALLED ON AT ALL OTHER TIMES DURING THE MEETING**

I) Routine Business

A) Call to Order / Pledge

- Supervisor Barnhard calls the meeting to order at 7pm, followed by the Pledge

B) Roll Call

- Members Dore, Barnhard, Holmes and Szczepaniak present. Absent - Thompson

C) Approve Agenda

- Changes to be made to agenda, Routine Business D. add minutes to the end. Action Item C. will be moved to later in the meeting to accommodate to Representative. Strike Information Items line J. as no update is available. Barnhard motions with changes to approve, Holmes seconds. Passes 4-0

D) Approve August 18th Special Meeting

- Dore motions to approve the minutes, Barnhard seconds. Passes 4-0

E) Public Comment: Comments related to agenda items only. Please limit comments to three minutes.

- One question asked on application timelines. Addressed issue by Clerk Szczepaniak

Action Items

- A) Consent Agenda: Treasurer's, Assessor's, ZA's reports, Planning Commission Minutes for July**

- Holmes motions to approve consent agenda items, Dore seconds. Passes 4-0
- B) Clerk's report
- Barnhard motions to approve the bills as written, Holmes seconds. Passes 4-0
 - A full copy of the bills presented may be inspected upon request during office hours at the Township Hall.
- C) Verizon Tower: PC recommends approving SLU
- Representatives from Verizon spoke on the tower and answered questions from the board on any concerns. Covered sizing, location and coverage capacity of the tower upon construction. Further details of the Special Land Use Application can be inspected and viewed at the Township Hall
 - Board members taking the recommendation of legal council will table this matter until a resolution draft is completed for signing by both parties.
 - No vote on the matter this month, as no quorum can be formed on the topic. Holmes and Dore to abstain from vote.
- D) Mail organizer for hall
- 5 Tier organizer for 24.99 on Amazon
 - Will be spent under Hall Supplies, which are pre-approved for the Supervisor to spend.
- E) External hard drives to transfer info from old computers.
- Using Fremont computer for purchase again the costs are listed at \$75 for a 1 TB or \$90 for the 2 TB unit. After discussion Barnhard motions to approve purchase of the 2TB for \$90, Holmes seconds. Passes 4-0
- F) Screen for Clerk's computer in office. Old one is not compatible with new tower.
- Asus 23.6 Widescreen Display \$204.99
 - Discussion tabled until more information is gathered.
- G) Supervisor's computer
- Supervisor makes request to possibly approve purchase of computer to be left with Township to avoid using personal computer for storing and moving Official paperworks.
 - To be discussed later after further research.
- H) Old office chairs, computer equip., printers, sound system, etc. List on J&J online auction?
- In an effort to clean-up and decrease clutter in the hall storage area items will be possibly listed online for sale. Zoning Admin. Kolk made note that the MTA website has a sale and/or donation link to possibly be able to get items out of the clutter. Update to be given on items removed or sold at the next regular meeting.
- I) Quotes for painting the hall.
- Newaygo Paint and drywall \$1,990.00
 - Interior painting of hall. Includes entry, main, bathrooms and kitchenette. Also, to include bathroom floors and noted trim windows and floor vents. Price includes masking signs and door hardware etc. and all prep work. Colors to match existing colors and sheen.
 - Straightedge painting
 - Estimate for painting Bridgton Township Hall
Walls in entrance, great room, and bathrooms \$1800
Trim, door casings, window ledges and doors \$700

Wallpaper border removal in bathrooms \$175
Bathroom floors, to be done with Epoxy paint \$425
Total: 2925 with epoxy floors
Total: 3100 with epoxy floors and removal of wallpaper

Quote from Newwaygo Paint and Drywall may increase if epoxy floors are requested. Discussion was had around removing extra price line items to reduce pricing from either bid. Both bids are looking at being 4-6 weeks out for any work to be completed to avoid the rush of finishing exterior works. Discussion tabled until next regular board meeting.

- J) Cleaning position at hall: Brittany's letter of resignation
- Letter of resignation submitted
 - Barnhard motions to approve and allow advertisement for the position left open, Dore seconds. Passes 4-0

I) Information Items

A) Bob Dore: Planning Commission overview

- Discussion and recommendation on the Dore Property/Verizon Tower to be sent to the Board.
- SLU for Linderman Property was discussed, issues taken into consideration as well as complaints from others nearby. Area of property falls into the "Green Belt Zone" with the waterways, issues noted on this. SLU discussion was put on hold until the next planning committee meeting.

B) Bryan Kolk: County Commission report

- District 1 County Commissioner passed last month, Bill Durr appointed to fill the position left. Gave letter of resignation from position. Paul Mellema, who won the Primary election popular vote to possibly be appointed to the position early.
- Sherriff Department took 607 calls for July and had almost 200 arrests for July. 289 average daily jail population.
- Question on zoning request from prior month addressed.
- Request to hold a possible special meeting for Verizon was presented to the Board for consideration, pending the resolution draft from legal counsel

C) Sexton/Parks Manager

- Sexton mentions that cleanup for cemetery last year went very well after advertisement was posted, request was also made for air compressor rental to clean lines.
- Check needed for removal of launch docks, company used for installation may not be able to do removals, will need to be priced out for next month.
- Request for approval to advertise for cemetery closing and cleanup. Dore motions, Seconded by Szczepaniak. Passes 4-0
- Motion made by Barnhard for Sexton to rent compressor to blow the lines in cemetery for closing. Dore seconds. Passes 4-0

1. Resident's request to have cremains disinterred.

- a. Original Cremains were sent from Arizona, and this causes a hold up until proper papers are sent to the Township.
- D) Emily's position as Deputy Clerk and paid hourly to work at hall.
 - Resident brought to attention issues in pay for the Deputy Clerk and how to make changes to ensure following of accordance with the law. Investigation and changes to be made next month.
- E) Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Set a date for Junk Ordinance Workshop
 - Date selected for Special Meeting to address Junk Ordinance and plans on possible Ordinance Enforcement Officer position on September 17th @ 10am
- F) FOIA forms for website
 - Szczepaniak motions to approve and post new Township FOIA forms for website and public use. Dore seconds. Passes 4-0
- G) Linderman's SLU request for campground
 - Linderman SLU will be on hold until next month at the planning commission level.

V. Board Comments

VI. Public Comment: Non-agenda items only. Please limit comments to three minutes.

Question on AT&T potential tower, no information was available at the time from AT&T

Cemetery cleanup will be posted on Facebook and website to spread the word.

Potential new business would like to move into the township, possible rental cabin/mini home build request in the next weekend.

Fall Clean-Up Day will be held on September 24th

VIII. Adjournment: Barnhard motions to adjourn at 8:20pm, Dore seconds. Passes 4-0