

Bridgeton
Township

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, October 24th, 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 called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge.

B. Roll Call

- All Board Members Present: Thompson, Dore, Barnhard, Holmes and Szczepaniak

C. Approve Agenda

- Agenda items reviewed and motion to approve with one change to add the Clerks Report in made by Szczepaniak, seconded by Barnhard. Passes 5-0

D. Approve Sept. 26th, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes

- Motion to approve minutes made by Holmes, seconded by Barnhard. Passes 5-0

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

- One question regarding the SLU and written comment on it

II Action Items:

A. Consent Agenda: Treasurer's, ZA's reports, Planning Commission Minutes for October B. PC recommendation for Linderman's SLU application

- Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Holmes, seconded by Thompson. Passes 5-0

B. PC Recommendation for Linderman's SLU application

Supervisor Barnhard began by reading aloud a written notice about the SLU by the Lindermans requesting an addendum to the recommendation made by the Planning Commission. The written notice was to allow generator usage during times that align with the noise ordinance of Bridgeton.

Supervisor Barnhard made the motion to deny the Planning Commission and Szczepaniak seconds.

Roll Call: Thompson - Yes Dore - Abstain Barnhard- Yes Holmes- Yes Szczepaniak - Yes Motion Passes 4-0-1

1. The SLU shall be used in accordance with the surrounding area
2. The SLU should not change the nature or character of the rural area of the requested change.
3. The SLU - Campfires, cars coming to and from, generator noise and generators danger to area
4. The SLU shall be in accordance with the Master Plan of the Township
5. Usage of vehicular driving on, across, and from the property would cause

C. Clerks report read aloud, Holmes motions to approve the bills as presented, Dore seconds. Passes 5-0

D. Boat launch annual permits

- Motion made to approve \$100.39 for the purchase of annual launch permits by Barnhard, seconded by Holmes. Passes 5-0
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E. Board of Review appointment

Supervisor Barnhard reviewed the resume and application submitted for appointment.

- Dore motions to appoint Peggy Herman-Hinton to the Board of Review, seconded by Thompson. Passes 5-0

F. Snowplowing bid

- KMP Lawn and Snow Bid- \$75 per push for winter season
- Issues discussed with verifying the amount of snow that requires a plow and marking the new walkways.
- Barnhard motions to accept the bid for \$75 per push, Thompson seconds. Passes 5-0

III. Information Items

A. Bob Dore: Planning Commission overview

- Planning Commission meeting mainly focused on squaring away a revised copy of the SLU request and looking to settle the request at Octobers' Board Meeting. A short workshop was also held just before the Meeting to review and begin drafting ideas on changing a few portions of the Zoning Guidelines

B. Bryan Kolk: County Commission report

- Report of 1415 calls for service by the County Sheriff for the month, NCRESA partnership with County Sheriff now expanded to multiple schools. Commission on Aging report for 2022 read aloud. For a copy of this to read and inspect please visit during office hours

C. Sexton/Parks Manager report

- Issue with sand/dirt pile in the cemetery
 - Vault Company is at fault for the placement of the dirt and should be held responsible for removal and relocation of the pile. Certain plots may have been partially covered by the excess dirt moved.
 - Actions recommended by previous Sexton on handling the excess dirt and a new location to place any dirt going forward
- Sexton has closed down the water in the cemetery for the season, some of the pots still have flowers in them and are left for now. Trash cans have been removed from the launches as the main launch season has ended. Other options were discussed for removal and moving of dirt from the cemetery grounds by Sexton Nelson.

IV. Closed Session

A. Closed session meeting with lawyer to discuss Mansfield Property

- Szczepaniak motions to go into closed session pursuant to a portion of the Michigan Open Meeting Act to discuss a privileged and confidential written opinion letter from the Bridgeton Township Attorney regarding the Mansfield Property dated September 19th, 2022; Barnhard seconds.

Roll Call Vote: Thompson - Yes Dore - Yes Barnhard - Yes Holmes - Yes Szczepaniak - Yes

Passes 5-0

V. Open Session:

A. Board Comments

- Thompson has provided a packet on Accessory Dwelling Units from Brooks Township. This is to aid in the review of the Bridgeton Zoning Plan

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

- Question raised again on when or if the Township Hall will be opened for rental again.
- Interest in how the Junk Workshop Meeting with Ryan Coffee went on October 14th, 2022. Board members responded on how the meeting went.
- Possible change to website and Facebook page requested to avoid calls on if rentals have opened again.
- Comment on SLU again with how the Board voted.
- Recommendation for different burial vault companies made by citizens.

Barnhard motions to direct the Township Attorney to attempt to negotiate a settlement with the Mansfields Attorney on the mining operation, seconded by Thompson.

Roll Call Vote: Thompson - Yes Dore - Yes Barnhard - Yes Holmes - Yes Szczepaniak - Yes Passes 5-0

C. Adjournment: Szczepaniak motions to adjourn at 8:32 pm, seconded by Thompson. Passes 5-0