

Bridgeton
Township
Regular Board
Meeting
Monday,
February 27th
2023
Rescheduled for
Tuesday, March
7th 2023

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 starting with the Pledge
- B. Roll Call - All members present: Thompson, Dore, Barnhard, Holmes and Szczepaniak
- C. Approve Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda with changes to the date and to add Budget Adjustments as Action Item C made by Barnhard, seconded by Holmes. 5-0 passes
- D. Approve January 2023 Regular Meeting minutes - Holmes motions to approve minutes, seconded by Dore. Passes 5-0
- E. Public Comment: Comments related to agenda items only.
- Please limit comments to three minutes

- Mrs. Drake comments on changes to Cemetery and

Clerks responsibility, issues with changes in responsibility.

- Comments on the color printer for the Assessor
 - Jodi issue regarding the letter and wording of the letter.
- Issues considering the OMA.
- Mr. Hawkey questions on changes of the Sexton position
 - Another comment on the Sexton position
 - Close of Public Comment

II. Presentation

A. Beerman's: Proposed sawmill

- Mr. Beerman presented the idea of purchase of property for a Saw Mill area in the Bridgeton Community. Potential purchase of property has to meet specifications for building and growth. Current place of business is too small for more growth, looking out to a larger space and area. 7 Mile Truck property was the first potential property of interest in the area. Low to no toxicity in the process of any of the business. Mr. Beerman answered questions of concern from persons in attendance regarding the Mill.

II. Action Items:

A. Consent Agenda: Treasurer's, Assessor's, ZA's reports, February PC minutes

- Holmes motions to approve, Barnhard seconds. Passes 5-0

B. Clerk's report: Another Budget Workshop? Budget meeting before March Reg.

Board meeting? Order more voting booths, chains.

- Clerks Report read aloud, Thompson motions to approve the bills as presented and Holmes Seconds. Passes 5-0
- Budget Workshop Scheduled for Saturday March 11th at 10am, Truth In Taxation Presentation Meeting scheduled to be held at 6:30pm March 27th; Thompson motions for approving date and time of meeting, Barnhard seconds. Passes 5-0

Budget Adjustments: Motion to move \$2650 from 101-192-184 to 101-257-805 made by

Barnhard, Dore seconds. Passes 5-0

Motion to move \$4500 from 101-192-184 to 101-567-801 made by Holmes, Barnhard seconds Passes 5-0

C. Exterior doors: Finalized Quote

Confirmation of pricing and work to done read from quote, before vote

- Barnhard motions to accept Andersons bid for \$4834 for purchase and installation of 2 new doors for Township Hall, Dore seconds. Passes 5-0

D. Color printer for Assessor

- Discussion was had regarding the purchase of the new printer for the Assessor to allow for color printing and better quality. Printer and price quote shown for Board to review. Barnhard motions to approve purchase of the printer for \$360, Holmes seconds Passes 5-0

E. Fall Cleanup: Saturday, Sept 23rd, 2023. 8am-2pm

- Geers Excavating will be doing the cleanup removal and supplying dumpsters. Holmes motions to accept the date presented, Dore seconds. Passes 5-0

F. Hall rental status

- Thompson presents that people still show interest in rentals, after issues from the public status of the Hall will be tabled and the rental status will remain non-rental until later review.

G. Hyland Property Management: price quote for cleaning up cemetery.

- Barnhard motions to accept the bid from Hyland Management to clean up the dirt, sticks and debris in the Cemetery for a total price of \$2475, Holmes seconds Passes 5-0

H. Road work: On schedule for the summer

- After brief discussion and the inflated pricing issues were discussed it was decided that the Road Work decision will be delayed until the March Meeting. Also discussed was getting quotes for a few different roads for work before March Meeting date

I. Changes in responsibilities: Clerk Dept taking over responsibilities of cemetery.

Treasurer Dept taking over collection of launch monies.

- After disruption from many present this item was removed from discussion and will be brought up again at the March Board Meeting

J. New Groundskeeper position.

- Discussion of Groundskeeper duties, responsibilities and pay put on hold to be discussed for March Meeting.

II. Information Items:

A. Bob Dore: Planning Commission overview

- Road Commission has been putting up cameras across Newaygo County to view the roads and status of conditions to better help in clearing of snow and accident response.
- Att is considering adding a tower to the hall, Verizon tower is working on finishing slowly, Mansfield Property and Zoning issues are still being handled by the lawyer.
- The Township Master Plan is starting to be reviewed and changes discussed by the Planning Commission.
- Ordinance Complaint form was reviewed and is a good measure to promote follow-up and documentation of actions following complaints.
- Planning Commission will hold another before meeting workshop to continue review and discussion of The Master Plan.

B. Sexton/Parks Manager report

- Winter Burial from December went well, concerns about clean-up of winter debris.
- Parks Manager reported issues with hiring employees and will need to be sorted before hiring again for the positions this year again.

C. Public computer station at the hall:

- Just starting to research pricing and layout to consider offering this to people of the community. Allowing for more public access and interaction within the Township.

V. Board Comments

- Supervisor Barnhard read aloud an email from Tony Alvesteffer concerning the possible change of Cemetery Duties.
 - A copy of this email can be viewed at the Township Hall or requested from the Supervisor or Clerk for viewing

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

- Issues with the Junk issues and Ordinance/Forms from people present.
- Meeting question about extra meetings and scheduling
- Question on Verizon Tower completion timeline

VII. Adjournment: Barnhard motions to end the meeting at 8:48 pm, seconded by Dore. Passes 5-0