

# Bridgeton Township

## Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 22nd, 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 with the Pledge at 7pm

#### B. Roll Call

- All Present- Thompson, Dore, Barnhard, Holmes, Szczepaniak

#### C. Approve Agenda

- Agenda approved with changes to B.(Add River Clean Up Presentation) C.(Dock Installation Moved) D.(River Patrol Moved) and E.(Clerks Report Moved) of action items, by Barnhard, second by Thompson. Passes 5-0

#### D. Approve April 2023 Regular Meeting minutes

- Holmes motions to approve minutes as presented, Dore Seconds. Passes 5-0

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

- No Comments at this time

### II. Action Items:

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

- No questions from the Board. Holmes motions to approve the consent agendas, Barnhard seconds. Passes 5-0

#### B. River Clean-Up Event

-Mr. Cramblets spoke on the quality of progress over the years of clean-up the Muskegon River Clean-Up event. Clean Up Day to be held August 5th, 2023 starting at 9:30am

Motion made by Barnhard to approve the application with a waived fee, seconded by Dore. Passes 5-0

C. Dock Installation - Barnhard motions to approve payment of \$2,000 for Dock Installation, seconded by Thompson. Passes 5-0

D. River Patrol Newaygo Sheriff - Barnhard motions to approve payment to Newaygo County Sheriff's Department for \$2,300, Dore Seconds Passes 5-0

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E. Clerk's report- Report read aloud. A copy of the report can be requested at the Township Hall for review

- Barnhard motions to accept the Clerks report, Thompson seconds. Passes 5-0

F. Master Plan reviewed by PC; needs Board approval

- The Planning Commission has reviewed and passed the Master Plan on to the township board with no changes made.
- Dore motions to approve the Master Plan as reviewed,, Thompson seconds. Approved 5-0

G. Hyland quote for removal of dirt pile in cemetery

- Quote of \$1,225 for removal, leveling and cleanup of dirt and sand piles in the cemetery to uncover graves and level low spots.
- Thompson motions, Seconded by Barnhard. Passes 5-0

H. Muskegon Motorcycle Club Public Assembly Permit

- Assembly Application turned in for the event to be held June 9th, 10th and 11th at Dan Raymond Park.
- Barnhard motions to approve the application, with proper check turned in. Seconded by Thompson. Approved 5-0

I. MTA cemetery conference

- Holmes motions to approve \$234.50 for the Clerks Department to attend Conference

J. Closed session with Township lawyer at 7:30 pm (Motion to go into closed session).

Szczepaniak motions for the Board to enter Closed Sessions at 7:27pm to discuss the confidential opinion letter in regards to the Mansfield Legal discussion with Township Legal Representation. Thompson seconds. Passes 5-0

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

OPEN MEETING RETURNED 7:50pm

Motion after review of letter: Barnhard motions to approve The Township Board recommendation to have the Township lawyer continue to negotiate with consultation from the Township Supervisor and Zoning Administrator in settling the Mansfield dispute. Thompson seconds the motion. Passes 5-0

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

## II. Information Items:

A. Memorial Day Observance: Will be open if volunteers come forward with snacks and drinks.

- Supervisor Barnhard will be opening the hall for Memorial Day, still looking for volunteers and donations

B. Bryan Kolk: Commissioner's report

- Fremont area community foundation partnership agreed with county to help fund projects in the area in \$1 million amount
- Donations to the Promise Zone to help make 2 year college or trade school more accessible to the area

C. Bob Dore: Planning Commission overview

- Discussed the Mixed Use Corridor - The Planning Commission is looking to alter Zoning Areas to allow for light industrial and business zone
- Maple River Project Update - \$1.6 million grant money for culverts on the river
- MTA Workshops discussed, no interest presented at this time
- Brooks Property Forbearance discussed, updates still pending
- Master Plan reviewed and sent to the Board for approval

D. Sexton/Parks Manager report: Begins next page

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- Flags are out for Memorial Day, and will need to order more now for years going forward.
- Cemetery is starting to ramp up and foundations are ready to get pouring
- Launches are going good and docks are getting ready to go in.

### V. Board Comments

- No Board Comments

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

- Questions about Hall Rental Status
- Comment about Complaint Form and possibly reviewing them, removal of name on form for person(s) submitting them
- Comment about Hall opening for Memorial Day

### VII. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm made by Szczepaniak, seconded by Holmes. Passes 5-0