

Regular Board Meeting  
Bridgeton Township Board  
Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Call to Order – Clerk Szczepaniak called the meeting to order at 7pm

Roll Call – Thompson, Dore, Holmes and Szczepaniak Present. Absent – Barnhard

Approve Agenda – Thompson motions to approve agenda with changes made to add Muskegon Motorcycle Club Events to Action Items as J. Move Action Item G. to A. and all others will shift one down accordingly. Dore seconds. Passes 4-0

Approve May 2023 Minutes – Motion made by Holmes to approve minutes as read, Dore seconds. Passes 4-0

Public Comment – One comment on Roads, non-agenda item question. Answered by Board on work progress and timeline for work to be done.

Guest Speaker – Scott Faulkner with The Muskegon Watershed Conservation

Update on progress of the Maple River Project, Funds from the Federal Level have been granted for road crossings and help in securing final approvals from Army Core of Engineers to begin progress and start moving ground on reopening the Maple River. Project work is continuing to guarantee that a benefit to the local area will be found in allowing the river to be reopened.

Action Items:

- A. Launch Worker Contracts – 2 workers applied for positions at the launches for the summer. Jeff Avery and Delaina Boon are applying for the launch worker openings. Szczepaniak motions to hire both applicants, pending signed contracts, Holmes seconds. Passes 4-0
- B. Consent Agenda – Holmes motions to approve the consent agenda with all items as presented to the board, Thompson seconds. Passes 4-0
- C. Clerks Report – Szczepaniak reads the report of bills and payments made aloud. Holmes motions to approve the bills as presented, Thompson seconds. Passes 4-0
- D. Ordinance Enforcement Officer Contract – Holmes, Dore seconds All
  - a. Advertising for Position – Szczepaniak Motions to approve advertising for Enforcement Officer Position, Thompson seconds. Passes 4-0
- E. Cemetery Ordinance – Holmes motions to approve new Ordinance as written, Thompson seconds
  - a. Roll Call – Thompson-Yes Dore-Yes Jaime-Yes Szczepaniak-Yes
  - b. Cemetery Pricing Change – Holmes motions to approve changes to cemetery pricing for purchase and burials, Dore seconds. Passes 4-0
- F. Junk Ordinance – Brittany motions to approve changes and new Junk Ordinance Revision, Holmes seconds.
  - a. Roll Call – Thompson-Yes Dore-Yes Holmes-Yes Szczepaniak-Yes

- G. AT&T Contract: Lawyer Negotiating – Zoning Admin. Kolk spoke about the AT&T contract and work being done by Cliff Bloom. Revised copy of contract returned from Cliff, board to take time to look over. Holmes motions to allow Bloom Sluggett and Co. to negotiate directly with AT&T to revise and edit contract before final copy is sent for approval by board. Dore seconds Passes 4-0
- H. Bridgeton Bluff Sign – Replacement Needed – Motion to approve up to \$150 for purchase and installation by Thompson, seconds by Dore. Passes 4-0
- I. Free Meal Program – Motion to approve allowing parking lot to be used for food distribution by Kayleigh Macomber and the Summer Meals Program made by Thompson, Dore seconds. Passes 4-0
  - a. Thompson leaves the meeting at 8:08 pm
- J. Holmes motions to approve the Muskegon Motorcycle Club events July thru September, Dore seconds Approved 3-0

Information Items:

- A. Bryan Kolk: Commissioners Report - Update to phone software is causing a surplus of 911 calls to Newaygo County dispatch. May had 4000+ calls for service from dispatch. June 6<sup>th</sup> has a record of 100 grass fires in the County.
- B. Bob Dore: Planning Commission Overview – Verizon Tower is still not fully operational. River Patrol is out and currently active. August 5<sup>th</sup> is the River Clean Up Day. Tree removed, drive is graded and awaiting paving. New pay tubes are installed and ready for the launch season. Properties are still being reviewed by legal team. Discussion of mixed-use corridor.
- C. Sexton/Parks Manager Report – Cemetery is up and running, grass is being planted and touched up. Lifting and releveling of headstones done. Discussion of concerns on the launches and making sure things are cleaned up before the holiday weekend.

Board Comments: No Board Comments at this time.

Public Comment: Concerns of mowing and safety with lawn care being brought up in cemetery and at launches.

Joe Howes spoke on a loss in the community and to bring support for the family at this time.

Concerns and questions on hall rental and use of building for funerals or after funerals.

Adjournment: Szczepaniak motions the meeting to end at 8:30pm, seconded by Dore. Passes 3-0