

Bridgeton Township Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2023 Regular 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 Board Members Present: Barnhard, Dore, Holmes, Szczepaniak, Thompson
 - c. Approve Agenda – Motion to approve agenda with changes to add Action Item D. Early Voting Discussion made by Barnhard, seconded by Dore. Passes 5-0
 - d. Approve Special Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes made by Holmes, seconded by Thompson. Passes 5-0
 - e. Public Comment: Agenda Items – One question on the road update. Response from Supervisor Barnhard, more discussion to be given later in the meeting.
- II. Action Items
 - a. Consent Agenda – Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Holmes, seconded by Barnhard. Passes 5-0
 - b. Clerks Report- Clerk Szczepaniak read the monthly report for the bills presented, motion to approve by Barnhard, seconded by Thompson. Approved 5-0.
 - i. Letter of Resignation – Clerk Szczepaniak will be stepping down from the position with the Township Board; pending acceptance of resignation. Motion to accept resignation made by Barnhard, seconded by Thompson. Holmes: Yes Dore: Yes Barnhard: Yes Thompson: Yes Szczepaniak: Abstain Passes 4-0-1
 - ii. Letter of Interest- Fill Term – 2 letters of interest submitted read aloud and reviewed by the Township Board members. Ann Marie Kossen-Priddy and Linda Petropoulos are the interested parties. Board discussion with allowed spoken interest provided by both parties. Some input given from community members for the choice of replacement Clerks position.
 1. Motion made by Barnhard, to appoint Ann Marie Kossen-Priddy for the remainder of the Clerks Term, starting Aug. 28th, 2023 to expire November 20th, 2024, seconded by Holmes.
 2. Roll Call Vote: Barnhard: Yes Dore: Yes Holmes: Yes Szczepaniak: Abstain Thompson: No
 3. Motion to appoint passes 3-1-1
 - c. Cemetery – Survey of Cemetery – Last survey conducted for cemetery in 1989 the current saved copy with the County does not have property lines that are being followed and does not show updates that have been made since the last survey of record. The Township Board would ask to have the lines re-staked and a survey completed.
 - i. Thompson makes the motion to search for a surveyor contract to complete the work. Barnhard seconds. Passes 4-0-1
 - d. Early Voting Discussion – County vs. Jurisdiction Run – Barnhard motions to approve interest in joining with the County, seconded by Holmes. Passes 4-0
- III. Information Items
 - a. Bridgeton Boat Launch
 - i. Pavilion – Repairs completed, and the pavilion is back in a fixed state

- ii. Washout – Washout is being fixed and the materials are dropped to be brought to a permanent fixed state by original contractor
 - iii. Landscaping Updates – Options to be reviewed for landscaping after grading and washout repair is completed.
 - b. Bryan Kolk
 - i. Update on Junk Complaints – A total of 15 complaints have been returned and are being followed up on. Some have been resolved and others are still being worked on.
 - ii. Commissioners Report – County ran an alert and practice drill for a failure of the Hardy Dam. Issues arose in the spread of communications and making sure that the test was received.
 - c. Planning Commission Overview – Discussion over the Mixed-Use Corridor, responses from the lawyer on the Auto Repair Facility special land use and Mansfield property were not received on time, no review there.
 - d. Sexton/Parks Manager Report – Sexton is absent from Meeting. No Report given.
 - e. Road Commission – Update on Projects – Email received from NCRC Manager on the road work that was scheduled. Time for full paving and upgrade has run out for this year. County will be working on ditching, tree removal and other preparation steps for repairs next year.
 - f. ARPA Workshop – Scheduled Saturday September 16th @ 10am -- Landscaping and additional work on launches to be discussed.
 - g. Fall Cleanup – Saturday, September 23rd – 8am to 2pm
- IV. Board Comments: Thanks and appreciation given to the Clerk for the time spent with the Board from other members of the Township Board.
- V. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items – Questions asking on FOIA requests and responses from the lawyer based on requests submitted. Concerns from local citizens on non-enforcement of ordinances and issues with Board and Zoning Administrator responses. No response from submitted requests about the camping and issues around the property.
- VI. Adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Barnhard to adjourn meeting at 8pm. Seconded by Holmes. Passes 4-0