

## Bridgeton Township Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 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 – Board Members Present: Barnhard, Dore, Kossen-Priddy, Thompson. Absent - Holmes
  - c. Approve Agenda – Barnhard adds to Information Items D. Newaygo County Road Commission Letter, Kossen-Priddy adds to Action Items D. 1. Clerk’s computer. Motion to approve with additions made by Thompson, seconded by Dore. Passes 4-0-1
  - d. Approve August 2023 Meeting Minutes – Kossen-Priddy makes correction to Action Item B, ii, 1 for term ending November 5, 2024 to November 20, 2024. Motion to approve Meeting Minutes, with correction made, by Barnhard, seconded by Thompson. Passes 4-0-1
  - e. Public Comment: Agenda Items – no public comments
- II. Action Items
  - a. Consent Agenda – Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Thompson, seconded by Dore. Passes 4-0-1
  - b. Clerks Report- Clerk Kossen-Priddy read the monthly report for the bills presented with the note that the BHS Insurance listed on the report was voided and not paid. This bill was paid in August. Motion to approve by Thompsen, seconded by Barnhard. Approved 4-0-1.
  - c. Clerk’s Phone – Barnhard motion to approve up to \$40 per month to reimburse clerk Kossen-Priddy for the clerk’s cell phone, Thompson seconds 4-0-1
  - d. Laser printer for clerk – approve for up to \$300 to purchase a new laser printer for clerks use, Barnhard motions, Thompsen seconds, passes 4-0-1
  - e. Clerk’s Computer – Barnhard motions to approve up to \$150 to have Fremont Computer update, clean up, and add anti-virus software to meet OVF requirements to the clerks computer. Thompsen seconds, passes 4-0-1
  - f. Meal for election workers – Barnhard motions to approve up to \$100 to provide one meal for election workers during the November 7, 2024 election, Thompsen seconds, passes 4-0-1
  - g. Early voting agreement with county – Barnhard motions to approve clerk Kossen-Priddy signing final early voting agreement with county for the 2024 federal elections, Thompsen seconds roll call vote Barnhard yes, Thompsen yes, Dore yes, Kossen-Priddy yes, Holmes absent, passes 4-0-1
  - h. Brooks Zoning Forbearance – Barnhard read email from Bryan Kolk to township attorney and response from attorney to Bryan Kolk. Barnhard motions to refer back to planning commission for further negotiations, Thompsen seconds, passes 4-0-1
  - i. Boat Launches
    - i. Dock removal Thompsen motions to approve \$2,000 for dock removal, Dore seconds, passes 4-0-1

- ii. Quote for fixing washouts – Dore motions to approve Hyland Property Management estimate for \$1,260.00 to repair washout at boat launch with material requested by soil erosion in Newaygo County, Thompsen seconds, passes 4-0-1
  - iii. Landscaping quote -may need end pieces for guardrail, township responsible for this and permit costs. Thompsen asked about the cost of the guardrail, township has these pieces on hand already so there will be no extra costs for guardrail. Concern about equipment being run on sidewalk, Dore explained this will only be a Bobcat with auger on the sidewalk and only for short periods of time. Barnhard motions to approve the estimate for \$13,675.00 from Hyland Property Management, Dore seconds, passes 4-0-1
  - iv. Stopping garbage service for fall/winter Barnhard will call to have service cancelled for the winter.
  - v. Removal of portable toilet from Bridgeton launch Barnhard will have removed
- I. Cemetery
  - a. Cemetery committee – Barnhard motions to approve the formation of a cemetery committee under the clerk's department, Thompson seconds, passes 4-0-1
  - b. Survey quote – Thompsen motions to approve \$1500 with 50% down, Kossen-Priddy seconds. Barnhard will clarify if monuments will be placed.
  - c. Fence and gate for cemetery – waiting for quote
  - d. Air compressor – Barnhard discussed that it is cheaper to rent an air compressor instead of purchasing one.
  - e. Bids for snow plowing – Thompsen motions to approve an ad in the Hi-Lites for snowplowing bids, Barnhard seconds, passes 4-0-1
- III. Information Items
  - a. Bryan Kolk gave a county update report
  - b. Planning Commission Overview – Trustee Dore gave overview of planning commission meeting that was held on September 11, 2024
  - c. Sexton/Parks Manager Report – Barnhard motions to approve up to \$200 to rent air compressor, Kossen-Priddy seconds, passes 4-0-1. Cemetery Gates close October 15, 2024 for the winter season.
  - d. Road Commission – Newaygo County Road Commission Letter Barnhard read aloud, some discussion took place about the location mentioned in the letter not being the location the township board approved for repairs, Barnhard will contact road commission to clarify letter.
- IV. Board Comments: No board comments
- V. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items – public comment made concerning early voting and cost to the township.
- VI. Adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Barnhard to adjourn meeting at 8:17pm. Seconded by Thompsen, Passes 4-0-1

Ann Marie Kossen-Priddy

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10-3-23

Date Signed

Janis Barnhard

Janis Barnhard, Supervisor

10-3-2023

Date Signed