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Introducing a few of the Township Members

Linda Petropoulos

Bridgeton Township

Position/Length: Treasurer for 1 1/2 months

Bridgeton Resident For: 39 yrs About Myself: I have worked in the Automotive, Tool & Die, and Ornamental Metals field for 30 yrs. I have held several areas in Purchasing, Office manager, Accounts payable/Accounts receivable and Project manager. Four things about myself; I love to garden, I love to travel, I love to walk the shores and collect rocks and spending time with family and friends.

Harmony Priddy

Position/Length: Deputy Clerk for 1.5 mos. Bridgeton Resident For: 7 years come spring

About Myself: I graduated in 2023. I work at an animal shelter in Newaygo County. Work History: For the last 4 years I have worked for my sister's pet sitting business. Prior to that I worked at an equestrian facility.

Four Things About Me: I love animals, I have a hobby farm, I love collecting handmade knives, and I want to open my own animal rescue. Peggy Herman-Hinton Position/Length: Trustee for 5 mos. Bridgeton Resident For: 65 yrs. About Myself: I'm a Gerber Product Company retiree, I retired in July of 2021 after 37.8 yrs. While at Gerber, I held several rates: Quality Control, Cereal Operator, Training Team Leader and Warehouse Inventory Control. Four things about myself; I love to bake. I love to travel. My heritage is Slovakian & German and I'm a second generation American. It may take a bit, but I strive to see the glass as half full, most of the time.

Hello, my name is Bryan Kolk and I have been the Bridgeton Township Zoning Administrator since 2014. My background is 37 years of Law enforcement. I retired from the Newaygo County Sheriff's Office in 2016 after 32 years there. I also worked part time for the City of Fremont for 35 years. I have been a Newaygo County Commissioner since 2017. I have been married to my wife for 37 years. We have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

From the Desk of the Clerk

My name is Ann Marie Kossen-Priddy, I was appointed to the Clerk's position when the former Clerk resigned on August 28, 2023. Prior to that I was the General Manager for a direct mail/marketing firm located in Grand Rapids. Starting in 2015 I stopped working to be home with our two daughters for the last few years of their childhood and homeschool our youngest her last five years of school. We moved to Bridgeton in April 2018 and are enjoying our life here. I am looking forward to getting a lot of work done over the next four years.

I would like to thank all the Election Inspectors that helped get us through this election year. With five elections in a twelve month span it was certainly a challenge.

The Cemetery and Parks Committee has been attending training on Cemetery and Parks Management. They have been reviewing potential park improvements and working hard at updating the Cemetery Ordinance and looking at new trends in burials. Future workshops will be reviewing quotes for a potential small parking area within the cemetery.

We have converted to an electronic system for our cemetery records. Please update your current contact information if you have purchased graves in the Bridgeton Cemetery. Township Hall Info

11830 S Warner, Grant, MI.49327 Ph: 231 834-0014 www.bridgetontownship.org **Township Hall Business Hours** Supervisor: Jason Mansfield Ph: 231 282 -3344 (see updated website for contact info & hours) Clerk: Ann Marie Kossen-Priddy Tuesday & Thursday: 12 - 4pm 231 888-5233 Treasurer: Linda Petropoulos Tuesday: 4 - 6pm Wednesday Nights: 5:30 - 7:30pm Thursday: 1:00 - 5 pm (Tax bill payments are accepted on Tuesday & Thursday at the hall) Deputy Clerk: Harmony Priddy Wednesday Nights: 5:00 - 7:00pm Deputy Treasurer: Marcia Annis-VanOver Trustee: Robert Dore Ph: 231 834-0014 Trustee: Peggy Herman-Hinton Ph: 231 834-0014 Zoning Administrator: Bryan Kolk Ph. 616 780-5751 Assessor: Annette Arsnoe Ph;231 670-7426 Planning Chair: Joe Howes Ph: 231 834-0014 **ZBA Chair:** Marty Isenhart Ph: 231 834-0014 Check Facebook for possible

office closures

Hall Rentals

Please contact the Hall Coordinator for your next event. Ph: 231 282-3342

2025 Meeting Schedule		
Month	Board Mtg Date	PC Mtg Date
Janurary	*1/20/2025	1/13/2025
February	2/24/2025	2/10/2025
March	3/24/2025	3/10/2025
April	4/28/2025	4/14/2025
May	*5/19/2025	5/12/2025
June	6/23/2025	6/9/2025
July	7/28/2025	7/14/2025
August	8/25/2025	8/11/2025
September	9/22/2025	11/8/2025
October	10/27/2025	10/13/2025
November	11/24/2025	11/10/2025
December	12/22/2025	No Meeting
* Date Change		

2024 Board Meeting for December will be 12/16/2024 at 7pm



TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS



Paved Green & 112th for a total cost of \$282,077.60. This was \$79,410.00 under budget.



2025 Approved Project

Quotes from Newaygo County Road Commission 1.<u>Pave</u> 112th off of Warner Ave (\$323,664.00)



2025 Projects Being Considered

2. <u>Overlay</u> S River Drive from Stone Rd going west 1.5 miles: (\$164,00.00)



3. <u>Overlay</u> W. South River Drive from Fitzgerald Ave going east 1.5 miles: <u>(164,00.00)</u>





Did You Know



Spring Clean-Up

May 13th & 14th, 2025 from 7am. to 4pm. at Muskegon County Solid Waste, 9366 Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI.

May 17, 2025 from 8 am to 2 pm. at Bridgeton Township Hall Volunteers (ages 16 & up) are needed and welcomed.

Coming–Up New Website

Watch our Facebook "Bridgeton Township Government" for updates.

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering, for workshops, contact the Township Clerk @ 231 828-5233.



1847: Bridgeton's First Post Office—JA Brooks postmaster December 30th

A BIT OF HISTORY

1851 -1854: The bridge over the Muskegon River was built in 1851, by John Chidister and the settlement took its name from the bridge: Bridge Town, later shortened to Bridgeton. One year later, in 1854, a sawmill was built by Isaac Merrill (of which Merrill Township was named) and its success made Bridgeton one of the busiest, successful places along the Muskegon River during Michigan's lumber boom. The river was often full for a good 14 miles straight, jam-packed with logs floating down with the current.

The success of Bridgeton's lumber output boosted the economy, bringing in more settlers and businesses. The village soon had a blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, four sawmills, two stores, and several homes. Hall Rental Process Need a place to gather family and friends, Bridgeton Township Hall is now available to rent. A few things to know are;

- A Bridgeton Hall Rental Agreement must be completed.
- The cost will be \$75.00 to rent, with a \$200.00 deposit to be refunded.
- Winter rentals from November 1st through March 31st will pay an additional fee of \$100.00 to cover snowplowing/sidewalk clearing, if needed.

- Complete Bridgeton Township Hall Rental Checklist for your deposit refund.
- No alcohol to be served or consumed on township hall property.
- No open flames, including but not limited to smoking, candles, chafing-dish flames, BBQ units, etc.

Contact Hall Coordinator: Morgan Priddy @231 282-3342

Prices are subject to future change, see full rental agreement for all rules.