

Bridgehampton Township Regular Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

Regular meeting for July 11, 2018 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Sonck, welcome, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call by Sonck, present were: Innes, McCarty, Hewitt, Kelly, and Sonck. Guests were present.

Motion by Hewitt to accept the Agenda, with the addition of the Sweet Extension Drain under New Business, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to accept the June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of June 30, 2018. General Fund account balance \$19,193.76, Investment account balance \$118,533.41, Tax Checking account balance \$319.56, and Tax Savings account balance \$506.32. The balance difference in the General Fund and Investment account from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 is -\$23,565.16. Motion by McCarty to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Public Comment: None

Communications Received: McCarty received a letter from the Sanilac County Treasurer for procedures to purchase foreclosed properties and a public notice for Deferment of Summer Property Taxes for those who qualify.

Hewitt and Innes both received notices regarding apportionment for the Sweet Extension Drain.

Sonck also received a notice for the Sweet Extension Drain from the Drain Commissioner, for a Day of Review. The letter stated that the Township had been assessed at a rate of 25% for the project, rather than the 10% it would be charged now. We will be requesting a refund for previous charges paid. Sonck also received a letter from the Sanilac County Advisory Committee for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Sonck talked to the Zoning Administrator, Matt Dickens, regarding a home on Custer Road, east of Maple Grove Road, that might be purchased by a Church from Bad Axe. The Church would like to purchase the property and have a farm for 30 troubled youths. This would be a Special Land Use and would require a hearing for residents.

Meetings Attended: McCarty had Ballot pickup on 6-21-18 at 95 Dawson St. in Sandusky, ePollbook Training in Lansing on 6-28-18, and New Equipment Training on 7-11-18.

Sonck attended the Cemetery Committee meeting on 6-21-18 where they discussed getting a quote for gravel for the driveway. It will make access to the Cemetery easier.

Old Business: The Sanilac County Road Commission Ditch Agreement with Petitioner Doug Sweet for the north side of Forester Rd. by Hunt Rd. was put to a vote. Roll call vote: Innes no, McCarty no, Hewitt no, Kelly no, and Sonck no. Motion failed with 5 no votes. It was determined this Ditch Petition was not necessary at this time. McCarty will write a denial letter.

New Business: Motion by McCarty to accept the ballot language on Resolution 4-2018 and 5-2018 for the Renewal of Road Millage and the Increase of Road Millage, supported by Kelly. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Hewitt yes, Kelly yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

Discussion regarding the Sweet Extension Drain and who's benefitting from the cleanout that is being done as routine maintenance, was of much concern. Residents in attendance do not see any benefit to work that is being done and feel there is too much personal interest going on in the township where drains are concerned. Work by the Drain Commission was also called substandard. A question was raised wondering when the Bridgehampton River became the Sweet Extension Drain because from 1968 to 1990 it was controlled by the DNR, not the Drain Commissioner. A recall and seeing that funding is taken away from the Drain Commissioner was also discussed. It was made very clear to the Board that there is opposition to the Drain Commissioner!

Motion by Hewitt to accept the Gravel Patching Map with exception of the mile of Church Rd. between Forester and Snover Rd., supported by McCarty. All Ayes

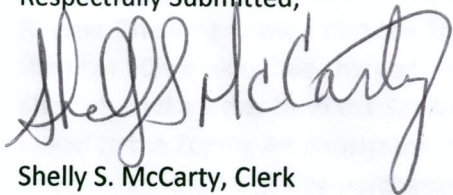
Motion by Hewitt to pay the bills, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Public Comment: Innes stated that having Senator Patrick Colbeck who is running for Governor, on our website that is tax payer funded, should be removed. He was concerned we would have to give others a platform as well. Morgan McCarty will update the website with another photo.

Roger Knight stated that when he moved his house some 40+- years ago, he couldn't go across the bridge west of his home on Snover Rd. because there was a 60 ton weight limit on the bridge. He had to take his house across Bud Colesa's field. Now the Dutch Farmer has a slurry tank and tractor weighing 150,000+ pounds that is going across the same bridge from 40+- years ago! Mr. Knight called the Road Commission about the same and they stated that there weren't any weight limits on any bridges in Bridgehampton Twp.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm was made by Hewitt and supported by Innes. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,



Shelly S. McCarty, Clerk

Shelly S. McCarty Supervisor

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August 15, 2018

Regular meeting for August 15, 2018 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Sonck, welcome, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call by Sonck, present were: Innes, McCarty, Hewitt, Kelly, and Sonck. Guests were present.

Motion by Innes to accept the amended Agenda, with the additions of the Tucker Cemetery, Building & Grounds, and the Purchasing Bid Policy under New Business, supported by McCarty. All Ayes

Motion by Kelly to accept the July 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of July 31, 2018. General Fund account balance \$1,457.03, Investment account balance \$119,164.29, Tax Checking account balance \$2,054.56, and Tax Savings account balance \$24,971.86. The balance difference in the General Fund and Investment account from July 31, 2017 to July 31, 2018 is -\$28,888.11. Motion by McCarty to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Public Comment: None

Communications Received: McCarty received a letter from Washington Twp. with a notification of their Public Hearing for their Master Plan on August 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm at their hall. She received a Sewage System Construction Permit for Terry & Laurie McNabb and a Permit to Construct an On-Site Water Well System for Eric Bowerman.

Meetings Attended: McCarty and Kelly attended the County Election Training on July 18, 2018 at 95 Dawson St. Sandusky, Mi.

Innes, McCarty, and Sonck attended and participated in the Public Accuracy Testing on July 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the hall.

Sonck and McCarty attended the Sanilac County Drain Commission's Day of Review on July 25, 2018 for the Sweet Extension Drain.

McCarty attended the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 24, 2018 and spoke in public comment regarding our ongoing issue with the Drain Commissioner and the Sweet Extension Drain.

Old Business: After some discussion regarding the Sweet Extension Drain and the Sanilac County Drain Commissioner, it was decided that the Board would FOIA all documents on the Sweet Extension Drain for the preceding 2 years. Motion by Sonck to have Wrathell write and submit the FOIA to the Sanilac County Drain Commission, supported by Innes. All Ayes

New Business: Tucker Cemetery is in need of some gravel for the driveway. One bid was turned in for \$975.00 for 22A and leveling by McCarty Excavating. However, some remember the easement for the cemetery was larger than it is now and included a circle drive at the end. Sonck will find out more about the easement and contact surveyors for bids to have the driveway staked. Status: Open

The second brining is scheduled for August 22nd, weather permitting. Innes stated he had a call from Jim Klaty and he would like a double pass of brine on Snover Rd., E. of Maple Grove ½ mile. Sonck will follow up with Mr. Klaty.

There are some plumbing issues that came to light on Election Day August 7, 2018. Neither toilet would work without pouring water in the tank from a bucket, and only the women's sink would work. The water from the 223' well drilled by Traver Well Drilling is full of salt and corroded the plumbing. Sonck sought bids from 3 plumbers and received bids from 2. Van Sickle Plumbing & Heating Inc. provided an estimate of \$1,305.00 which didn't include fixtures. Mr. Van Sickle also took a water sample to be tested. Certified Temperature Innovations provided an estimate of \$1,900.00 which included fixtures. Motion by Hewitt to accept the estimate of Certified Temperature Innovations, not to exceed \$1,900.00, supported by Sonck. 4 Ayes and 1 Nay, McCarty dissented.

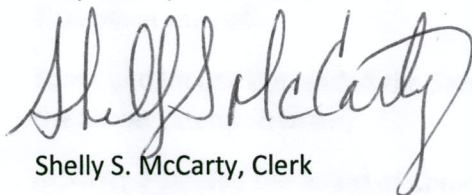
Motion by Sonck to pay the bills, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

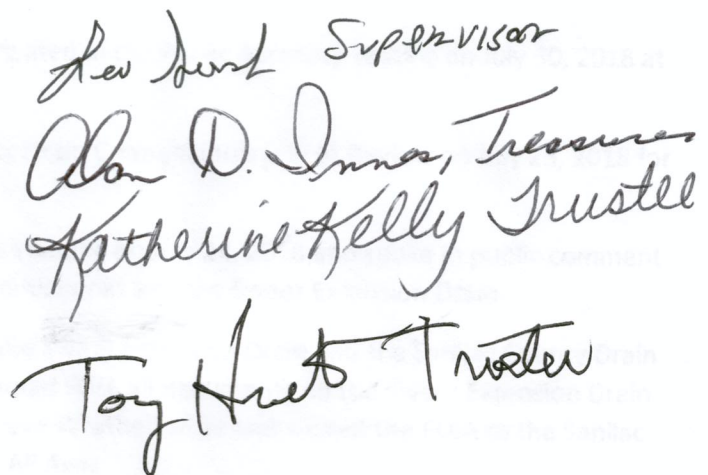
Public Comment: Matt Dickens said an 80' well was drilled ¾ of a mile from the hall within the last 6 months and plumbed for around \$6000. Might be something to look into in the future. Also, a small 5 gallon hot water heater under the kitchen sink would take care of hand washing.

Roger Knight has 2 safety issues involving the local Dutch Farm. Every 11 to 14 minutes the slurry tanks are going past his home raising so much dust you can't see. It doesn't do any good to have extra brine put on the road, because these slurry tankers wear it off the road so fast, it does no good to put it on. You can not see to drive down the road behind one of those tanks. Second issue, where these slurry tanks are making the turn from Goetze onto Snover Rd. there is a large bank in the road. If someone were going straight on Snover Rd. over Goetze Rd. with any speed, they could have an accident by no fault of their own. They have the right to farm, but they don't have the right to tear up the road!

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm was made by Hewitt and supported by Innes. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,


Shelly S. McCarty, Clerk


Alan D. Innes, Treasurer
Katherine Kelly, Trustee
Tony Huet, Trustee