

Bridgehampton Township Regular Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017

Regular meeting for April 19, 2017 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Sonck, welcome, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call by Sonck, present were: Innes, Kelly, McCarty, Hewitt, and Sonck.

Motion by Hewitt to accept the March 8, 2017 Regular meeting minutes and the March 22, 2017 Special meeting minutes both as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to accept the February 7, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented, supported by McCarty. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of March 31, 2017. General Fund account balance \$734.23, Investment account balance \$132,259.94, Tax Checking account balance \$252.37, Tax Savings account balance \$500.00, and the Escrow account balance of \$31,528.50. The balance difference in the General Fund and Investment account from March 31, 2016 to March 31, 2017 is -\$130.99. Motion by McCarty to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Public Comment: Melinda Sonck thanked Tony Hewitt for donating the new eagle topper for the township's American Flag.

Deckerville Village Council President Donald Murdock provided information to the township board regarding our Township Fire Protection Agreement. The Village of Deckerville retires a fire truck every 20 years to update their equipment and are currently looking to replace a 1986 Pumper. The approximate dollar figure to purchase a new fire truck completely equipt is around \$400,000 to \$500,000. The end of April, five Deckerville Fireman are going to a convention to look over equipment and they'll have a better estimate on the cost of equipment then. Currently, Bridgehampton Township pays \$6,000/year for 12 square miles of fire protection. That agreement states every attempt to set aside at least 70% of said retainer fees for equipment will be made.

Sonck reported on communications received from Blaine Colesa. An agreement for roadside ditch improvements to the west side of Loree Rd. starting at Basler Rd. and running south approximately 1200'. The Petitioner (Colesa) has paid his 34% (\$408.00) to the township for said improvements. Motion by Innes to accept the Colesa Ditch Petition, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

McCarty reported on communications received from Michael Gombos who is our Risk Control Rep. with our Michigan Township Participating Plan. Recommendations on reducing any existing and/or potential liability exposures are as follows:

1. All contracted services should contain a hold harmless clause that indemnifies the Township from any and all liability, injuries and/or damages caused by the contractors.
2. Certificates of insurance should be obtained from any independent contractor and reviewed prior to any services commencing.
3. The Township should have all contracts for services reviewed by legal counsel.
4. The Township should consider having the vertical displacement leveled around the concrete pad in front of the main entrance. A possible solution that could potentially eliminate the vertical displacement is to install a gutter on the east side of the building.

Hewitt offered to install eavestroughs on the Township Hall at no cost to the Township, provided he can place a sign in the yard. Motion by Innes to accept Hewitt's offer to put eavestroughs on the Township Hall, free of charge, with the provision that Hewitt put a sign out front, supported by Sonck. All Ayes

Kelly reported on attending the Township Planning Commission meeting where they discussed solar wind farms. They're hoping to go on a educational meeting to the DTE Solar Farm. Kelly also attended the MTA Conference where she attended several different educational sessions such as: It Should Not Be This Hard To Get That Property Cleaned Up; Question & Answer Forum; Medical Marijuana Act of Michigan; and Meeting Misconceptions.

Sonck reported on attending the MTA Conference on Tuesday also. He attended educational sessions including: Unlawful Expenditures; Blight Cleanup; and Farming The Wind

Motion by Hewitt to accept the Gentner PA 116, 80 Acres for 20 years on the corner of Forester & Hunt Roads, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion by Kelly to accept Rizzo & Sons Lawn Care at a bid of \$54 per cut at Township Hall and 4 mowings at the Cemetery at \$180 each. Supported by McCarty. All Ayes

Motion by McCarty to accept Brabant's Affordable Tree Removal bid of \$3,000 to cut and remove dead trees at Tucker Cemetery pursuant to having insurance, supported by Kelly. 4 Ayes with Hewitt abstaining.

Discussion of appointments to the Planning Commission and the Liaison to the Board brought about some changes. Innes made the board aware that we are running in foul of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act which is supposed to represent the demographics of the area. With the resignation of Detgen, we no longer have a representative from the agricultural community. Also, there can't be any employees on the Planning Commission which means Kelly and Martinelli are in violation. There are 2 positions to fill on the Planning Commission. More discussion on these topics at the May 10, 2017 Township Board Meeting.

Motion by McCarty to accept the shared Gravel Patching on Downington Rd. with Marion Twp. at a cost of \$4,788, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to accept the 900 tons of Gravel Patching on various roads at an estimated cost of \$10,197, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion by Innes to pay the bills with the exception of one bill, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm was made by Innes and supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly S. McCarty

Bridgehampton Twp. Clerk



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