

Bridgehampton Township Regular Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2017

Regular meeting for June 14, 2017 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Also present was Attorney Tim Wrathell.

Sonck added two items to the Agenda. A moment of silence after approval of the agenda for Republican Congressman Steve Scalise and others who were shot at a GOP baseball practice for a charity game verses Democrats, and The Principles of Governance by the Board to our township, state, and our country.

Motion by Hewitt to approve the Agenda with additions, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Moment of silence observed.

Motion by Innes to accept the May 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion by Kelly to accept the Planning Commission Minutes as presented, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of May 31, 2017. General Fund account balance \$1,750.31, Investment account balance \$140,859.27, Tax Checking account balance \$252.37, Tax Savings account balance \$506.39, and the Escrow account balance \$31,407.28. The balance difference in the General Fund and Investment account from May 31, 2016 to May 31, 2017 is +\$10,455.38. Motion by McCarty to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Public Comment: Irene Cole is concerned about the blight in our township that seems to be getting worse. She states this isn't a new problem, and it seems that nothing is being done to address this issue. Who's responsible for overseeing the blight in Bridgehampton Township and are the ordinances available to the public for viewing?

Dixie Ladd stated that she thought we had a Zoning Administrator, as he came to her house and was working to clean up the neighborhood. She thought he could've really made a difference! It was explained, due to a technicality, Chris Martinelli couldn't be both Planning Commission Chairman and the Zoning Administrator, so he had to step down from the Zoning Administrator position.

Communications Received: Innes received a call from Margaret Jenson of Chemical Bank wanting to know if the township would like to invest any funds in a 15 month Certificate of Deposit at 1.5% interest. The conclusion was a lot of hassle for not enough return.

McCarty received a notice for the Airport Zoning Public Hearing on June 20, 2017 at 1 pm in the Courthouse Rm. 105.

Meetings Attended: McCarty reported that May 24, 2017 the township audit by Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C. went well and the results will come in the mail. McCarty attended the Planning Commission meeting on June 6, 2017 where they heard a lot about solar from Dean Berden of Snover. Mr. Berden provided much knowledge to the Planning Commission and guests. McCarty also attended the Marion Township Planning Commission Meeting on June 6, 2017 where medical marijuana was the topic of discussion.

Hewitt reiterated the wealth of knowledge that Dean Berden presented to the Planning Commission on solar. Hewitt also stated the Planning Commission requested an extension of the solar moratorium for another 6 months, while they gather more facts to make a fair ordinance for all.

Sonck was at the Planning Commission meeting for the solar presentation and also the Marion Township Planning Commission meeting for medical marijuana presentation.

Old Business: The new and improved township website is up and running and will now be www.bridgehamptontwp.net.

Motion by McCarty to accept the Enhanced website with 5GB of storage as bridgehamptontwp.net, supported by Hewitt. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Hewitt yes, Kelly yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

Motion by Hewitt to return Escrow monies to Exelon, supported by Kelly. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Hewitt yes, Kelly yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

The Tucker Cemetery tree removal was completed by All-American Tree Service on May 11, 2017 and they did a great job. There is still much work to be done at the cemetery, however the township doesn't have the funds in the budget at this time.

New Business: Motion by Hewitt to adopt the Principles of Governance, supported by Innes. All Ayes

The Citizen Planner course was completed by Lee Eggert and Chris Martinelli from the Planning Commission. The training was based on the Michigan Enabling & Planning Act and Eggert and Martinelli now have access to approximately 168 articles of reference from M.S.U.

Motion by Hewitt to appoint Matt Dickens as Zoning Administrator, supported by McCarty. All Ayes

Motion by Sonck to not renew the membership with the MTA at \$539, supported by McCarty. Roll call vote: Innes no, McCarty yes, Hewitt no, Kelly no, Sonck yes. Motion fails with 2 yes votes and 3 no.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm was made by Hewitt and supported by Innes. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly S. McCarty, Clerk