

Bridgehampton Township Regular Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

Regular meeting for May 10, 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, Kelly, McCarty, Hewitt, and Sonck. Also present was Attorney Tim Wrathell.

Motion by Hewitt to accept the Agenda as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Motion by Innes to accept the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of April 30, 2017. General Fund account balance \$3,862.50, Investment account balance \$131,857.66, 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 April 30, 2016 to April 30, 2017 is +\$3,429.38. Motion by Hewitt to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Public Comment: Roger Knight asked if the Agenda is posted on the website? One of the campaign promises was that these things were going to be done for transparency because the last board was so secretive. Some people might be interested in a topic on the Agenda and actually come to a board meeting. Also, the brine job on the roads where people didn't get extra brine was the worst Roger has seen. There's already dust from such a thin spread of brine.

Tony Hewitt was in discussion with other northern townships in Sanilac County and questioned why their roads were in such good shape compared to Bridgehampton's? The answer given was that they subcontract their gravel and don't let Sanilac County Road Commission do their gravel. It's almost 2:1 for tons of gravel for what you get.

Communications Received: McCarty received Marion Township's Master Plan and also a letter from Trudy Nicol for the Foreclosed Property of Garnet Lietka. Any outstanding bills owed on the Lietka parcel need to be submitted to the County Treasurer to be entered in as part of the minimum bid amount.

Hewitt was called by Brad Knoerr wanting to know when the Tucker Cemetery would be completed? Should be sometime this week.

Sonck received a land use permit for Noble Harper on 2775 Loree Rd. for a 28X28 and 24X40 house addition and a garage.

Meetings Attended: Kelly reported on the DTE Solar Meeting she attended at the Dawson St. address in Sandusky. DTE was calming the fears and putting rumors to rest regarding solar energy.

Sonck also attended the DTE Solar Meeting in Sandusky and St. Clair. He also attended the House Energy Committee Hearing on multiple issues regarding renewable energy and the effects it has on our communities.

Motion by McCarty to accept the resignation of Kelly from the Planning Commission, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion by McCarty to accept the resignation of Martinelli from Zoning Administrator, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Sonck moved to appoint Hewitt as the Board Liaison to the Planning Commission. Motion by Innes to accept Hewitt to the Planning Commission, supported by Kelly. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Kelly yes, Sonck yes, and Hewitt abstains. Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstaining.

Sonck moved to appoint Michael Rogers to the Planning Commission to fulfill the remainder of Allen Detgen's position. Motion by Innes to accept Rogers to the Planning Commission, supported by Hewitt. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Hewitt yes, Kelly yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

Morgan McCarty reported on the new website that she built for the township. The 12.99 a month includes 5G of storage, custom domain Name, unlimited pages, mobile website, advanced statistics, and email + live chat support. The Clerk will contact Sanilac Computer Products about keeping our domain name and how we go about the transfer. Status open

Due to Brabant's Affordable Tree Removal not having insurance to remove the dead trees at Tucker Cemetery and the landowner requesting insurance, the tree removal was awarded to the next lowest bidder. Sonck emailed all board members individually and received approval to award the job to All-American Tree Service. The anonymous donor agreed to pay the difference between the two tree trimming bids.

Old Business: Tucker Cemetery is near completion of All-American Tree Service removing all dead trees from the cemetery. At last report, they had removed 156 dead trees. The township received the funds from the anonymous donor of \$2,450.00 for the difference in what was budgeted for the cemetery of \$1,500.00. The cemetery is looking more respectful for those who are buried there.

Road Brine was lighter than expected due to only having 2 trucks verses having the 4 trucks that were expected. So, the next application will be a much better coat on the roads because we have many more gallons to be applied.

New Business: MSU Citizen Planner Course available at half off online until May 12, 2017. The board would like to approve 1 or 2 Planning Commission members to take the course.

Motion by Innes to approve Martinelli and Eggert to take the MSU Citizen Planner Course, supported by McCarty. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to send a letter and escrow back to Michigan Wind III once the Clerk and Treasurer are in agreeance on a dollar amount, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm was made by Innes and supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly S. McCarty, Clerk