

Bridgehampton Township Regular Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017

Regular meeting for January 12, 2017 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 07:04 pm by Sonck, welcome, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call by Sonck, present were: Innes, Kelly, McCarty, and Sonck. Hewitt was absent and guests were present.

Motion by Kelly to accept the December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of December 31, 2016. General Fund account balance \$3,269.07, Investment account balance \$78,222.06, Tax Checking account balance \$16,698.15, Tax Savings account balance \$107,349.42, and the Escrow account balance \$33,623.13. The balance difference in the General Fund and Investment account from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016 is +\$3,515.74. Motion by Kelly to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Sonck. All Ayes

Public Comment: None

McCarty reported on communications received from Wrathell Law for legal services for the year at \$145 per hour for 2017. The Equalization Department printing agreement for printing of the Summer and Winter tax bills at \$0.65 per parcel at 675 parcels. The State of Michigan Extension Office training on new Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act that will take effect December 15, 2017. The training is held throughout February and March at 11 locations from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$55, or \$50 for Master Citizen Planners or those in groups of two or more from the same municipality. Registration ends Feb 13, 2017. The closest location for training for Bridgehampton Twp. is March 7 at 34900 School Section Rd. Richmond.

McCarty reported on attending the Sanilac County Special School Election Training. Peck is the only district having a special school election this year. An update was given on the new voting equipment by Denise McGuire. Three vendors met the qualifications and were under the state's maximum allowable bid of 82 million dollars. Dominion bid 77 million and McGuire stated that it's quite possible the local governments won't have to pay for their equipment. The new equipment will be briefcase size and be capable of scanning your ballot off of your smartphone. More information to come.

Kelly attended the Sanilac County MTA Meeting where their speaker was the staff attorney for MTA. The attorney provided handouts that were very informative on medical marijuana and stated the township has say over what happens between their borders and we don't have to have an ordinance for medical marijuana. The new President of Sanilac County MTA is Marjorie Hoenicke from Forester Township. The next MTA Meeting is February 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Liberty Lanes.

Old Business: The Tucker Cemetery is still in need of attention. Sonck and Hewitt have researched the care needed as to not disturb any ground due to the Small Pox Virus. Hewitt found a case where a small pox vault was opened in 2005 and the virus was still alive. So, the utmost care is emphasized in the handling of this cemetery.

New Business: Cypress Renewables contacted Chris Martinelli about solar farms in Bridgehampton Township. They're looking at 50 different properties with 30-50 acre parcels, to run off of 3 phase

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electric. They must be near a substation within the DTE service area. They stated they would pay \$800 per acre per year for 20-30 years to the property owner. More information to come.

The two (2) MET Towers on temporary land use permits are long expired and either must be removed, or be resubmitted to the Planning Commission for a new use permit. Motion by Sonck to have Wrathell send a letter addressing this issue was supported by Innes. All Ayes

The budget was discussed and thought the only place we may be out of sorts, would be the legal fees. Most everything else has remained orderly. A heads up was given for a longer meeting when we start working on the budget. New township chairs were discussed also.

The board had discussion on the April MTA Conference where part II (2) of the new official training will be held April 10, 2017. Innes recalled in the past, only 2 people were permitted to attend the conference due to the cost. Sonck, Kelly, and Innes were in agreeance that McCarty should attend the conference. Innes reminded that the Clerk has an expense account to work from, so no approval from the board is needed.

The board discussed changing our meetings from the 2nd Thursday of the month to the 2nd Wednesday of the month to accommodate everyone. A motion by Sonck to change the meeting dates to the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 pm was supported by Innes. All Ayes

The motion to pay the bills was made by Sonck and supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion to adjourn at 08:00 pm was made by McCarty and supported by Innes. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,



Shelly S. McCarty, Clerk

Katherine Kelly, Trustee
Anthony J. Hawthorn, Trustee
Ala D. Jones, Treasurer
Leonard Supervisor