

Bridgehampton Township Regular Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2019 7 PM

Regular meeting for March 13, 2019 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 07:02 PM by Sonck, welcome, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call by Sonck, present were: Innes, McCarty, Kelly, and Sonck. Hewitt was absent.

Motion by Kelly to accept the Agenda as amended to include the Commissioner's report, Drain issue update, and Nationwide Deferred Comp., supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion by Innes to accept the February 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by McCarty. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of February 28, 2019. General Fund account balance \$2,164.27, Investment account balance \$91,348.13, Tax Checking account balance \$51,674.27, Tax Savings account balance \$115,570.14. The balance difference in the General fund and Investment account from February 28, 2018 to February 28, 2019 is -\$10,763.33. Motion by McCarty to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Commissioner Heberling reported the county hired an Agricultural Assessor, David McArthur. The board humorously thanked Commissioner Heberling for poaching our township assessor. Four sheriff dept. vehicles were put up for auction at Lotter Auction Services and Administrator Griffith, Commissioner O'Mara, and Commissioner Heberling will be starting the 2020 budget as there are going to be some cuts due to a budget shortfall. Union negotiations are also coming up this year. Judge Teeple has requested more bailiff's, so there is going to be some restructuring between the sheriff's dept. and the courthouse. There was a citizen planner course at the county where they had 55 people take the training, so that was successful. A new Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Hunter, has been hired as the previous medical examiner had tripled his price, so those services were terminated. The new pathologist services will up the budget by \$5,913.00, but that was less than the \$13,000+ that the previous pathologist wanted. The free hazards waste day will be April 25, 2019 from 2-6 PM at the Sanilac County Fairgrounds. They will be accepting televisions this year and limiting the disposal of tires to 7 per vehicle per occurrence. Lastly, the Commissioner's are implementing a new bidding policy for all divisions of government in which anything over \$2000 will be bid on a county website. The website is in the beginning stages, more information to follow.

Public Comment: None

Open the Budget Hearing at 7:36 PM.

Over all the budget discussions were minimal and only a couple adjustments were made. The adjustments were to add \$200.00 to Deferred Comp., \$500.00 to Social Security/Medicare, and \$200.00 to Advertising. The deputies for the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk also received a \$100.00 annual raise as there hadn't been a raise for them in 10 years.

Public Comment: Chris Martinelli asked how many parcels were unpaid in delinquent taxes to bring the total delinquents to \$4,200.00+/-? The answer was 63 unpaid parcels.

Close the Budget Hearing at 8:04 PM

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Communications Received: Innes received a Deferred Comp. packet about changing our interest rates, due by April 15, 2019.

McCarty received a bid for assessing services from Kenneth Wimmer and a workshop for the DEQ on the permitting process for construction in wetlands, inland lakes, streams, floodplains, and coastal areas. The DEQ meeting is at the Tuscola Tech Center March 18, 2019 at 8:30 AM RSVP required.

Meetings Attended: McCarty attended the Feb. 26, 2019 Juniata Twp. Public Hearing on Wind Energy Conversion Facilities, March 5, 2019 the Sanilac County Board of Commissioner's Meeting about the Drain Commission, and March 5, 2019 at 7 PM the Juniata Twp. Special Meeting to revoke a S.L.U.P.

Sonck also attended the March 5, 2019 Sanilac County Board of Commissioner's Meeting and the March 5, 2019 Juniata Twp. Revocation Meeting. Sonck attended the Bridgehampton Twp. Board of Review on March 12, 2019 as well.

Old Business: Motion by McCarty to send the Sweet Extension Drain compilation file to Foster & Swift's Michael Homier for clarification on legal standing, supported by Innes. All Ayes

We've had two assessors interested in becoming the township's assessor, Kenneth Wimmer, and Tom Lupo. Kenneth Wimmer provided a bid of \$9.30 per parcel for a one year contract. More information will be forthcoming on Tom Lupo.

New Business: Innes received the Deferred Comp. packet at his front door, as the previous Clerk was still listed as a point of contact and address. McCarty took the packet to look into the specified changes to the Deferred Comp. and ask for an extension on the due date.

Motion by Innes to adopt Resolution #5-2019 approving the budget and adopting the appropriation act for the fiscal year April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, supported by McCarty. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Kelly yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 4 yes votes. Estimated Expenditures are \$164,850.00, Estimated Revenues are \$145,318.94, Beginning balance is \$153,839.29, Checking Account balance \$2,375.52, Investment Savings balance \$151,463.77, and Tax Savings \$500.00. That brings the total carryover and estimated revenue to \$296,782.71.

There were 3 Planning Commission appointments with 3 year terms and 1 Board Liaison with a 1 year term. Motion by Sonck to appoint Dave Paling, Alan McCarty, and Chris Martinelli to the Planning Commission with 3 year terms and Tony Hewitt as Board Liaison with a 1 year term, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion by Innes to pay the bills with check #'s 11648-11668, excluding #11654 to the Village of Deckerville, supported by Sonck. All Ayes

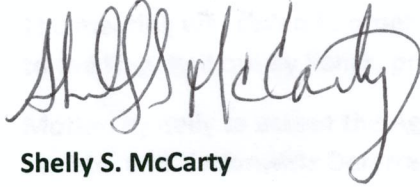
Public Comment: Chris Martinelli questioned how the Road Commission grades roads? Hunt Road coming from Maple Grove is horrible.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM by Innes, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

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Respectfully Submitted,



Shelly S. McCarty

Bridgehampton Twp. Clerk

Katherine Kelly, Trustee

Tony Hunt Trustee

Joe D'Amico Supervisor

Alon D'Amico, Treasurer

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April 10, 2019 7 PM

Regular meeting for April 10, 2019 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 07:00 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.

Motion by Hewitt to accept the Agenda as amended to include Carsonville Fire Agreement, Surveillance Camera, and 2018-19 Budget Adjustments, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to accept the March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of March 31, 2019. General Fund account balance \$9,575.87, Investment account balance \$151,829.94, Tax Checking account balance \$260.10, Tax Savings account balance \$250.00. The balance difference in the General fund and Investment account from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2019 is +6,303.90. Motion by McCarty to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Public Comment: Lee Eggert commented that it was good to know the township's funds were in the black.

Communications Received: McCarty received a bid for lawn care services from Rizzo & Sons at a rate of \$60 per cut at the Hall and \$200 per cut at Mt. Zion Cemetery. McCarty also received another letter from Barnes Law inquiring as to a easement for the McConnachie land split. M.J. Pierce of Berkeley, Ca. from the American Non-Smoker's Rights Foundation, who does legislative tracking, would like our prohibition of marihuana ordinance. McCarty spoke with Bryant Wilke of the Health Dept. and the home on the north east corner of Forester and Ruth Roads has been completely remediated of the methamphetamine and is clear for habitation. A letter will be sent to the township clearing the residence. McCarty also called Thumb Electric Coop. about the \$25 service fee on the township's electric bill. Jennifer said the township is listed as Seasonal General and those fees go towards the fixed costs of maintaining poles, wires, meters, transformers, etc. The Member District Meeting is June 8, 2019 @ 10 AM at the Octagon Barn for anyone who would like to attend.

Sonck spoke with Robert Barnes regarding the McConnachie land split and reiterated a land split requires 165' of road frontage. If they wanted to combine parcels to meet those specifications that could be done also, but we can't allow landlocked parcels. Sonck spoke with Commissioner Heberling today and they have a committee working on a new purchasing policy for the County. They've had a couple of meetings and already cleared the policy out of committee to go back to the Commissioner's on April 16th for approval. Everything the County purchases over \$2000.00 in each department will be publicly bid. There will be a website for the public to bid and receive notifications for bids. More information to be forthcoming.

Meetings Attended: McCarty attended the March 18th DEQ Workshop with Mindy Sonck at the Tuscola County Tech Center. We learned about permitting and that the township would receive a permit from the DEQ when there was work being performed in the township. As of April 22, 2019 the DEQ will be changing its name to Eagle. March 26, 2019 McCarty, Sonck, and M. Sonck attended the

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Juniata Twp. Planning Commission Special Meeting for Revocation of a S.L.U.P. April 8, 2019 McCarty, Sonck, and M. Sonck attended the Juniata Twp. Board of Trustees Meeting & Public Hearing to remove a Planning Commission member for malfeasance.

Old Business: Motion by McCarty to accept the Carsonville Fire Agreement, supported by Hewitt. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Hewitt yes, Kelly yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

McCarty asked if the adjustments to the 2018-19 budget within the same cost center would need a motion to amend for the ending of the fiscal year? The answer was as long as it's within the same cost center and the total remains unchanged, then no.

Motion by McCarty to approve a 1 (one) year contract with Thomas Lupo at a rate of \$11.50 per parcel or \$693.83 per month for Township Assessing, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion by Innes to select Nationwide Deferred Comp Option A at a rate of 3.5% in 2019 to adjust annually to 2.5% in 2020, 2.0% in 2021, 1.0% in 2022, and 0.5% in 2023, supported by McCarty. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Hewitt yes, Kelly yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

Zoning Administrator assignments for blight issues are as follows: The north east corner of Ruth & Forester Rd. for the container sitting too close to the road, the property on the east side of Ruth Rd. with the unlicensed vehicles, the Jerry Ostrowski property on Hunt Rd. with all the garbage, and Sonck will check on the Chernow property judgement.

Leslie Dickinson of Foster Swift Collins & Smith would like to write a letter to the Drain Commissioner's attorney and let her know that the township never disputed changing the assessment to 10% from 25% for the Sweet Extension Drain, just that the township wanted actual documentation of when and what it was paying for. Also, if the Drain Commissioner was going to borrow money from the Potts Drain to cover the carry over for the Sweet Extension Drain, it should've been done in 2017, not August 21, 2018 the day after the FOIA was submitted. It looks as though paperwork was being made up to show money still owed on the drain.

New Business: The board discussed the need for a security camera in light of someone tearing up the grass. There are several inexpensive systems which work off wifi that we could utilize. Motion by Hewitt to get quotes for a surveillance camera, supported by Innes. All Ayes Sonck and McCarty will research different systems to present at next month's meeting.

Motion by Sonck to accept Rizzo & Sons Lawn Care, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Motion by Sonck to approve 583 Tons of gravel from the Bulgrien Pit at \$11.83/Ton for a total cost of \$6,896.89, supported by McCarty. All Ayes

Motion by Innes to pay the bills with check #'s 11669-11691, supported by Sonck. All Ayes

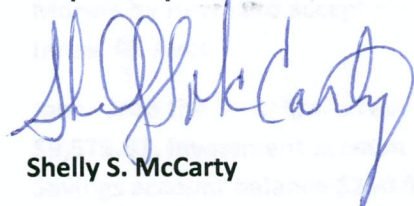
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Public Comment: Lee Eggert asked when our flag pole would be put back up? David Eggert asked who is responsible for burn permits?

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM by Kelly, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,



Shelly S. McCarty

Bridgehampton Twp. Clerk

Alan D. Innes, Treasurer
Paul Smith Supervisor
Katherine Kelly Trustee
Tony Hunt Trustee

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May 8, 2019 7 PM

Regular meeting for May 8, 2019 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 07:00 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.

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

Motion by Hewitt to accept the April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion by McCarty to accept the February 6, 2019 Bridgehampton Twp. Planning Commission Meeting minutes as presented, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of April 30, 2019. General Fund account balance \$2,096.20, Investment account balance \$132,027.03, Tax Checking account balance \$260.10, Tax Savings account balance \$255.13. The balance difference in the General fund and Investment account from April 30, 2018 to April 30, 2019 is -9,100.66. Motion by McCarty to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Public Comment: Irene Cole wanted to know if there's been any progress on the blight issue? The Zoning Administrator wasn't present to give a report.

Communications Received: McCarty received the Equalization printing agreement for tax bills and a bill from the Village of Deckerville for the Jay Hartford fire.

Hewitt talked with the Zoning Administrator regarding blight on Forester Rd.

Kelly had a resident ask about the new Brine Form.

Sonck had a couple residents contact him about brine also, one thought it was too expensive so they declined extra brine. Sonck also had a gentleman contact him about a Census Bureau Meeting wanting the township to form a committee to gather census information.

Meetings Attended: McCarty attended the Sanilac County Clerk's Assoc. Meeting April 11, 2019 where Todd Hillman gave a report on the FEMA Grant money for local participants. April 25, 2019 McCarty was at the Drain Commissioner's Office to get a copy of the Sweet Extension Drain bid and scope of work to be performed, but left without being provided copies of either. April 29, 2019 McCarty, M. Sonck, L. Eggert, D. Eggert, and Leslie Dickenson of Foster, Swift, Collins, & Smith attended the Bridgehampton Twp. vs Sanilac County Drain Commissioner in Circuit Court where the Township won on the merits of the case, except for being awarded the injunction on the work to be performed on the Sweet Extension Drain. April 30, 2019 McCarty attended the Juniata Twp. Planning Commission Meeting where they worked on a wind energy conversion systems ordinance. May 2, 2019 McCarty met with the Sanilac County Administrator Tara Griffith, Commissioner Dan Dean, Commissioner Gary Heberling, and Blaine Colesa to discuss the issues regarding Drain Commissioner Alexander and his Inspector Doug Sweet.

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Hewitt attended the April Bridgehampton Twp. Planning Commission Meeting where they went over the blight ordinance and possible changes to the ordinance to give it some strength.

Sonck attended the April 29, 2019 Circuit Court proceeding via phone. There were several negotiations back and forth, but the Drain Commissioner eventually had to concede that the township's claims were correct, the Sweet and Branches and the Sweet Extension drainage districts are indeed separate and the maximum allowable maintenance costs is \$20,000 per year on the Sweet Extension Drain. Sonck has also contacted State Representative Jim Lower who is the Chairman of the Local Government Committee, which is the committee that recommends changes to the drain code. Sonck wants to see that anything over \$5,000 shall be sealed bids with a public day of letting. Rep. Lower was very interested in that because he understands that that should be done anyway. Sonck is also trying to make it where the \$5,000 per mile is per mile of work, not a multiplier on the total miles of drain.

Old Business: Sonck found the order for the Chernow blight problem, but the order is so old that it has now expired. Status open until we receive more information from the Z.A.

The Board looked at 4 different security camera systems for the hall and property. It was decided that the Defender Security System was the best system for the money. Motion by Hewitt to purchase the system and router, supported by McCarty. All ayes

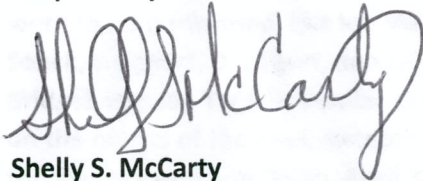
New Business: None

Motion by Innes to pay the bills with check #'s 11693-11716, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Public Comment: Mindy Sonck asked if there were approvals given for the attorney regarding the Drain Commissioner lawsuit. The answer was yes, permission was given by text and email.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:01 PM by Hewitt, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bridgehampton Twp. Clerk

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