

Bridgewater Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 9, 2009

Present: Carver, Faust, Mull, Oliver and Riley  
Attendance: 3

DRAFT MINUTES

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. All board members with 3 people attending.

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

A resident would like to know where to go with their 9 year disagreement with their neighbor and his barking dogs. Supervisor will review with Zoning Administrator. They are asking to clarify where the front yard of the neighbor's property is. Are the dog houses allowed in the front yard?

A resident thought it was funning that (County/DEQ) one bureaucracy is fighting with another and they end up leaving us alone.

**MOTION:** Moved by Riley, seconded by Carver to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 4, 2009, the Closed Session on June 4, 2009 and Special Meeting of June 8, 2009. There was not a quorum of the Board at the Special Meeting of June 30, 2009. Passed

**MOTION:** Moved by Faust, seconded by Oliver to approve the Consent Agenda.

After adding C-11 Recognition of the appointment of J. Mull to the Emergency Planning Commission

Roll Call: Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Oliver Y and Riley Y. Passed.

**MOTION:** Moved by Riley, seconded by Mull to approve the agenda after adding Library Board appointment and current FOIA request Passed

Treasurer's Report-Riley presented financial information for May 31, 2009. There is \$503,636 in the Cash Accounts for the General Fund with \$19,304 in income and \$36,424 in expenses for a loss of \$17,120 for the period. Sewer Financials were also presented.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Board heard Police Report-Board reviewed response time and incidents with contracted and non-contracted Townships. Supervisor is looking at collaborative data.

#### **PRIORITY BUSINESS**

1. Township Board & PC Zoning Ordinance-Board discussed the progress on ZO revisions.
2. Local Emergency Management Proposal-J. Schiel presented information on SW Washtenaw Emergency Volunteers organization. He is informing local governments where to go for resources in emergency situations. Board discussed possible incidents that could happen in our current economic condition.
3. Police Services Negotiations-Supervisor is discussing Police Services with other Townships because of the County increases recently announced.
4. Sewer Plant Parts Repair & Replacement Quotes

**MOTION:** Moved by Riley, seconded by Mull to approve the proposals from Hydro-Dynamics to rebuild the existing pump and purchase a new pump as backup for the sewer.

Roll Call: Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Oliver Y and Riley Y. Passed. Board discussed allowing purchases without Board prior approval to continue by Dan Geyer and the Supervisor when it jeopardizes the shutting down of the plant. The priority is always cost but we must keep the plant in operation.

5. Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission-Board discussed the County priorities that appear to be being pushed on MJPC. Board discussed the conflict with the County goals and the Bridgewater Township goals for the Bridgewater Township river frontage. This did not occur when Mark Roby was the County rep, but there are definite concerns in the direction from the current County representative.

**MOTION:** Moved by Riley, seconded by Mull to notify surrounding entities of our Intent to Plan.

Roll call vote. Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Oliver Y and Riley Y. Passed

Board would like PC to finish the current Land Use Map revisions as the Top Priority and finish ZO changes as time allows.

5. Resolution 07-01-09 Raisin River Raptor Center Charitable Gaming License-Board would like more information on this issue before approving. Information submitted is dated 2004. Faust reported the applicant was a former PC member but no other Board members know anything about them.

6. Manchester Library Board Appointment-A T Miller presented himself to the Township Board. He works for U of M, Center for Global and Intercultural Studies. He sings in a local group called Bridgewater.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mull seconded by Riley to appoint A. T. Miller to the Manchester District Library Board for the remainder of the existing term ending in 2012. Passed

7. FOIA-Clerk notified Board members of the recent County FOIA. We had to request an extension because the financial data was at the auditors and not readily available. The request was completed with in the deadline.

Clerk announced that we have been notified that WISD is going to request a Special Election in November. With this being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Election this year (after 4 elections last year) it creates an additional burden on the Township Resources. Clerk also discussed why our purchasing practices have been the way they are.

MLB annual visit is scheduled for this Tuesday's Mineral License Board meeting at 7:00pm.

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A resident would like the Board to consider having our own Police Services by using Constables. And the pricing of our own Police force.

Being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Riley, seconded by Mull to adjourn, Board approved, meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Cynthia J. Carver

Bridgewater Township Clerk