

Bridgewater Township
Regular Board Meeting
April 1, 2010

Present: Faust, Mull, Oliver, Riley and Carver
Attendance: 6

DRAFT MINUTES

Supervisor held a moment of silence. Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
All board members were present ~~except Carver~~ with ~~4~~ 6 people attending.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

~~A~~ Earl Carver is challenging the Township's bill for a fire run. He followed the procedure for requesting the burn permit and left his cell phone number in case there was a question. The first to arrive was the Sheriff's deputy who stated he thought everything was under control. When the fire department arrived Chief Scully admitted he did not check the messages on the permit line. The home owner also states that only 3 firemen showed up at his house not the 5 listed on the report from the Fire Department. Faust believes the others firemen remain at the Hall. But ~~they~~ then why could they not check the permit line?

A Jimmy Schiel who regularly attends the Township Board meetings is saying good bye. He is moving out of the area and will miss the Board Meetings and has enjoyed working with all of the Board members. He states his support of Mike Meeks. He is innocent of these charges, he is a member of this group but has never been involved in any of these bomb making accusations.

MOTION: Moved by Riley, seconded by Oliver to approve the Consent agenda items C1-4.
Passed

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Oliver to approve the regular agenda moving the minutes item 10, Consent Agenda C-5 to item 9, Remove Snowmobile Ordinance from the Agenda, County Parks to item ~~12~~ 11, and the Clerk has a couple of issues for 12 from previous meeting. Passed

Treasurer's report: There is \$435,260.49 in the Cash Accounts. \$304,701 in income and approved expenses of 376,877 for period ending February 28, 2010 in the General Fund. Sewer has \$ 239,061.58 in cash accounts, with \$ 149,879.80 in operating income and \$ 87,577.96 in operating expenses a \$ 84,980.76 debt retirement expense was paid, leaving a \$ 84,950.58 loss.

Board heard Police Services report. Stg. Archer reported they had no information on the FBI actions in the Township.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

1. Approval Disbursements for March-Board reviewed the bills. Clerk questions the full reimbursement for the Supervisor, for the MTA Conference when she did not attend. Supervisor requested full reimbursement because she had strep throat and was not able to attend the conference.

MOTION: Moved by Oliver, seconded by Faust to pay Mull full reimbursement for the MTA Conference.

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

MOTION: Moved by Mull, seconded by Faust to approve monthly bills and payroll for the General fund totaling \$ 17,815.24 and Sewer bills totaling \$4,240.42

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

2. Board discussed the need to set the procedure for Land divisions. Board agreed on several administrative items by acclamation. Review needs to start with the procedure already in the Ordinance

3. Fire Billing Appeals-Board discussed the 3 applications for appeals. First one from Earl Carver who spoke in Citizen Participation, state he followed the fire Departments procedure and Ordinance 28 & 36, he feels he should not have to pay because the fire Chief made the mistake.
Board reviewed the letter from Tim McCauley. Board discussed the jurisdiction issue if the car was on the road. Does the Township have jurisdiction or the Washtenaw County Road Commission? It was decided that the letter implied they parked in the parking lot of the local bar.
Board discussed the letter from Wyman's. They stated they did call 911, but the fire was already out.
MOTION: Moved by Faust, seconded by Riley to grant the appeal for Earl Carver to void the charge. Also, the Board would like to make sure the Township is not billed for this run. Passed Carver abstained
MOTION: Moved by Riley, seconded by Mull to deny the appeal for Tim McCauley. Passed
MOTION: Moved by Faust, seconded by Oliver to deny the appeal for Jack & Doty Wyman. Passed
Board discussed the need to get more information on bills from the Manchester Fire Department; we may need to request an audit.
4. Board discussed the figures on the purposed expansion for the recycle center. Board felt the engineering fee's were high. There meeting is April 8th at 8:30am if Board Members want to come.
5. Clean Up Day is May 9th, Supervisor to sent a postcard.
6. Board did not have final draft from attorney Lucas at last meeting.
MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Faust to rescind the previous motion from last month to accept the Final Consent Judgment
Roll Call Carver Y, Faust Y, Mull Y, Oliver Y, and Riley Y. Passed
7. Snow Plow Issue-Faust is concerned about snow plow damage. Oliver states this is common in snow plowing. Supervisor to contact McLennan Landscape.
8. Board discussed the insurance breakdown.
9. **MOTION:** Moved by Mull, seconded by Oliver to approve the minutes of March 4, 2010 after adding Board approved Mull for reimbursement for the MTA Conference in full despite she did not attend after item 10. Passed
MOTION: Moved by Faust, seconded by Mull to approve the minutes of March 22, 2010 after adding the words approve it after the and for the purpose of the meeting. Passed
10. Recent Current events. Board reviewed the emails & synopsis presented by Supervisor. Riley question why the Board was not advised of the Ann Arbor.com inquiries at the last Board Meeting? Supervisor states she was miss quoted and taken out of context. Oliver states that when Sgt. Archer was at the meeting after the first search, Sgt. Archer said everything went well, so that is what is what's important. Carver's concerns lay with, at that meeting she questioned why we are doing the organizing and that we pay the Sheriff to do this and pay for the Sheriff substation in Manchester and that's where these activities should be taking place. We do not carry the insurance coverage for these activities. Faust believes if that was your child missing you would not care where the searchers come from and would want the search to be as close as possible. Carver would

like this not to be an issue of this Board, we have enough pressing issues in the Township that need the Boards attention and does not want promotion of the Militia to be made the Boards Issue. Supervisor Mull believes this is an important issue and she will be promoting the Militia as a personal project of hers.

11. County Parks-County did not sign last month's approved Consent Judgment. They have added a line on allowing bikes & motorcycles in the parking lot from the street. Supervisor states we should be getting something more, she would like money. The County just keeps taking. Carver states she will not spend taxpayer's money on a case we cannot win. Mull believes we should ask for more. Board would like attorney Lucas to give more advice. Special Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2010 at 7:00pm.
12. Prior meeting issues-Carver is uncomfortable with the addition of a Prayer that was added to the meeting agenda without Board discussion. After the first meeting it was changed to Moment of Silence/Silent Prayer. This is a government meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Carver, seconded by Riley not to start our meeting with a Moment of Silence or Silent Prayer.

Oliver states he has no problem with a moment of silence.

Roll Call Carver Y, Faust N, Mull N, Oliver N and Riley Y. Failed

Carver presented a letter to the regulating agency for Comerica Bank with a complaint for them releasing information to Supervisor Mull who is not a signer on the account.

MOTION: Moved by Oliver, seconded by Faust to hold off sending the letter until after the April 22 Special Meeting with attorney Lucas. Passed

Being no further business to come before the Board, moved by Faust, seconded by Oliver to adjourn, Board approved, meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Cynthia J. Carver

Bridgewater Township Clerk