

# **BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 11, 2021**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor, Andy Gardiner called the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Road. The meeting began with the ringing of the bell and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

- **PRESENT:** A. Gardiner, P. Hiler-Molter, N. Weber, D. Baiers, J. Yetzke / **ABSENT:** None

**POLICE REPORT** – Written report and stat sheet given by Berrien County Sherriff's office for the month of August. (attached)

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- Motion by P.H. Molter / D. Baiers to approve agenda as written.

**All in Favor - Motion Carried**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Opened 7:05 p.m. / 7:07 p.m. Closed – Update on Millburg trailer park was given and further public comments were averted to end of meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Motion by J. Yetzke / D. Baiers to approve September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes as written, with bills/payroll in the amount of **\$20, 146.59** (attached)

Recorder called roll: N. Weber, D. Baiers, P.H. Molter, A. Gardiner, J. Yetzke

**Motion Carried**

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

- Reported on interest earned (\$363.01) and bills and payroll. (attached)  
Motion by P.H. Molter / D. Baiers to accept Treasurers report.

Recorder called roll: J. Yetzke, D. Baiers, N. Weber, Andy Gardiner, P. H. Molter

**Motion Carried**

## **REPORTS/SUPERVISOR:**

- Assessor, Building, Electrical, Enforcement, Fire Dept. (Sister Lakes & Benton Charter), Mechanical, Plumbing, (attached)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Resolution – Best Practice Committee** – Resolution offered by P.H. Molter / N. Weber to join the Inter-Municipality Committee of Berrien County. There is no fee to join and meetings are bi-monthly. Supervisor agreed to attend and invited Trustees to also join him whenever they would like.  
Recorder called roll: P.H. Molter, N. Weber, Andy Gardiner, D. Baiers, J. Yetzke **Motion Carried**
- **Township Attorney** - Motion by P.H. Molter / J. Yetzke to hire the services, for Township Attnorney, Jessica A. Fette of Banyon Fette Law Office. No contract is required and charges of \$150 per hour was agreed.  
Recorder called roll: J. Yetzke, Andy Gardiner, P.H. Molter, D. Baiers, N. Weber **Motion Carried**
- **Insulation Bid** - Further bids and discussion to come.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Opened: 7:18 p.m. . / Closed: 8:00 p.m.

**Pipestone Lake Boat Ramp** was the discussion by concerned lake owners. The ramp is in very poor condition and beyond repair. Residents were seeking help/options for the replacement of the ramp. Residents asked who owned the ramp, what was the DNR and Townships positions on taking part in the situation at hand. Residents who spoke:

**Ron Bjes** asked if owner of ramp, **Phil Merkel**, could sign over deed to the DNR or Township.

**John Yetzke**, Township Trustee, informed residents about the control of the DNR

**Joseph Duba**, wanted to know if the Township would accept deed from Merkel. Supervisor, Gardiner replied he would have to confer with Township attorney and with Board approval of any decision made.

**Wm. Lorenz** spoke of sediments spilling into the lake and was referred to the Drain Commissioner for resolution to the issue.

**Phil Merkel**, who owns the ramp, was willing to work on a solution with the Township, DNR and land owners.

**Karen Kedzuch, Pat Kennedy, Reed Winslow, Bob Brown**, all expressed the same concerns and conditions of the ramp.

Supervisor, Gardiner will meet with DNR and Township Attorney to work on a resolution to the situation at the lake.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**ADJOURN:**

- Motion by J. Yetzke / N. Weber to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

**All in Favor**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Patty Hiler-Molter, Clerk**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of an item is requested it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.