

**BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Midge Werner called the Bingham Township Board Meeting to order on April 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bingham Township Hall, 7171 Center Hwy., Traverse City, MI, via zoom meeting.

2. ROLL CALL- QUORUM PRESENT

Present: Midge Werner, Kathy Morio, Sandra Grant, Todd Stone, Jeff Layman

Absent and excused: None

Staff Present: Recording Secretary, Marge Johnson; Steve Patmore, Zon. Admin

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported to approve the agenda as presented, PASSED.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Midge Werner said Three Trees Vineyard, Inc. is her neighbor.

Todd Stone said Three Trees Vineyard, Inc. is his neighbor down the road.

No conflict of interest noted for either.

6. APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Sandra Grant/moved, Tom Stone/supported, to approve the March 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes as submitted, PASSED.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals made comments about the Lee Point Drainage District.

Richard Mayor, 3846 Lee Point Rd.

Susan Darnold, Lee Point Rd.

Veronica Moyer, Lee Point Rd.

David Almeter, 3804 Lee Point Rd.

Neil Englehart, Lee Point Rd.

Kathy Morio, Township Clerk

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Lee Point Road Drainage District Discussion

Consensus of the township board to hold a special meeting with the Drain Commissioner, the Road Commission Manager and the residents of the possible Lee Point Road Drainage District for the purpose of having a discussion about a possible drainage district. The meeting would be via zoom. Postcards to be mailed to residents in that area.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. May 15th Clean-up Day-Midge Werner

A proposal was submitted from American Waste for Clean Up Day at the Leelanau County Road Commission Garage on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Billing rates: Garbage Truck with Driver/Helper - \$180.00 per hr./ MSW-(Trash will be) \$35.00 per compacted yard.

Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to accept the proposal from American Waste for Clean Up Day on May 15, 2021, at the Leelanau County Road Commission Garage and Midge Werner may sign. Roll call vote: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: None. Motion passed.

Todd Stone and Kathy Morio will represent the township on Clean-Up Day.

b. Bingham Township Park Ordinance No. 01-071816

Todd Stone of the Parks & Recreation Committee said the proposed amendment to Section 2 to the Park Ordinance gives a better definition when the parks are open and closed.

Section 2, Time of Use -

PARKS shall be open to the public use from "Sunrise to Sunset". PARKS shall be closed to the public use from "Sunset to Sunrise". Nothing in this Section shall restrict persons engaged in ice fishing from using the PARKS for ingress and egress to West Grand Traverse Bay and South Lake Leelanau, as provided in Section 5 of the Parks Ordinance.

Sandra Grant/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to adopt Amendment 20210419.1 to the Bingham Township Park Ordinance No. 01-071816. Roll call vote for the motion: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: None. Ordinance Amendment adopted.

c. Three Trees Vineyard, Inc. Small Winemaker License - Resolution

Steve Patmore submitted information regarding Three Trees Vineyard, Inc. who is requesting the township board approve a resolution recommending Three Trees Vineyard Inc. be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control

Commission for a Small Winemakers License at 5200 S. Elm Valley Road, Suttons Bay, MI

Kathy Morio/moved, Sandra Grant/supported, to adopt Resolution 20210419.1 recommending Three Trees Vineyard, Inc. be considered for a Small Winemaker License at 5200 S. Elm Valley Rd, Suttons Bay, MI 49682 Roll call vote: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: None

d. Covid Preparedness & Response Plan

The Covid Preparedness & Response Plan was submitted for approval. This plan is from the Michigan Township Association.

Midge Werner/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to adopt the Covid Preparedness & Response Plan as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: No. Motion passed.

e. New Copy Machine Lease

Kathy Morio submitted a proposal from Netlink Business Solutions to lease a Sharp MX 2651 Color Digital Copier at \$76.14 a month. The current copier lease is expiring.

Kathy Morio/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to lease a Sharp MX 2651 Color Digital Copier at \$76.14 a month from Netlink Business Solutions. Roll call vote: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman No: No. Unanimous vote - yes

10. COMMITTEE, STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

a. Parks and Recreation Committee-Todd Stone

Todd Stone submitted a bid from Molon Asphalt, Inc. for \$852.00 to stripe the basketball court at Bingham Park.

Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to accept the proposal of Molon Asphalt, Inc. to stripe the basketball court at Bingham Park for \$852.00 and pay out of existing budget. Motion passed. Unanimous vote yes.

Todd Stone said the Committee has a bid for sealing the concrete, the cost to come out of next year's budget. The Committee is moving forward with Groesser Park.

b. Building & Grounds Committee

Midge Werner said she and Kathy Morio, will be meeting with Andy Rink and Jon Walter to review the proposal to construct an addition to the township hall.

c. **Cemetery Committee**

Discussion was held regarding the repairs proposed for Maple Grove Cemetery.

d. **Zoning Administrator/STR Administrator**

Steve Patmore submitted his report. April is a busy month for permits. Short term rental applications at 52. Patmore met with Host Compliance regarding short term rentals.

e. **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission held two meetings to discuss the master plan.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on some zoning ordinance amendments which will be ready for the May township board agenda.

f. **Fire Authority**

Documents e-mailed to the township board.

g. **Assessor's Quarterly Report (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct)**

Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to accept the Assessor's Quarterly Report, motion carried. Unanimous yes vote.

h. **Treasurer**

Sandra Grant said her office is running smoothly.

i. **Trustees** - No report

j. **Clerk**

The Clerk submitted Vendor Balance and Payroll Report. Vendor Balance - \$13,565.77, includes Netlink \$339.41 and EMC insurance premium renewal of \$7,314.00. Payroll is \$9,152.47.

Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to approve the Vendor Balance of \$13,565.77 and Payroll of \$9,152.47, motion carried unanimously.

k. **Supervisor**

Midge Werner said she is working on the 2021-2022 township budget.

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners declared a State of Emergency for the county. Since a state of emergency has been declared, township board meetings may continue via zoom meetings.

Midge Werner/moved, Todd Stone/supported, that the Bingham Township Board goes on record supporting the County's emergency declaraton and sets the remainder of board meetings for 2021 to be zoom meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**MINUTES BY MARGE JOHNSON, RECORDING SECRETARY
KATHY MORIO, CLERK**