

**BINGHAM TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 2021 7pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Midge Werner called the Bingham Township Board Meeting to order on June 21, 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, Zoning Admin

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to approve the agenda as amended adding under New Business c. Budget Adjustments for 2021 Budget, d. Tax foreclosed parcel.*

**5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**6. APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to approve the May 17, 2021 Minutes as submitted, PASSED.*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

a. None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Zoning Administrator's Contract Agreement**

The Zoning Administrator's Contract was submitted for approval. This is a contract with Suttons Bay Township for contractual services for Steve Patmore for 2021-2022.

*Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to approve the Zoning Administrator's Contract for 2021-2022 as presented.*

*Roll call vote: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: None. Motion passed.*

**b. Approval of the 2021-2022 Budget**

Public comment regarding budget - Veronica Moyer asked if any monies were set aside for Lee Point Road drainage issue.

*Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as revised on June 21, 2021 at 5:25pm presented to the Board: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. None: Motion passed.*

**c. Budget Adjustments for 2020- 2021 Adjustments, Moving One Cost Center to Another Cost Center**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to accept the adjustments to the 2020-2021 Budget as presented. Roll call vote for the motion: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: None Motion passed.*

**d. Tax Foreclosed Parcel**

Sandra Grant said she received an e-mail from John Gallagher, County Treasurer, that Parcel No. 45 001 111 010 00 located between Maple Valley Road and Otto Road, a triangular piece of property, that taxes have not been paid for 3 years, and the parcel is up for tax sale. Owner of the parcel - unknown. The township has the right to state that it wants to purchase the property, or has the right of refusal not to purchase the property.

*Sandra Grant/moved, Todd Stone/supported, that Bingham Township does not want to purchase this unbuildable parcel of property, Parcel 45 001 111 010 00, as provided for in the property foreclosure laws. Roll call vote: Yes: Todd Stone, Kathy Morio, Midge Werner, Sandra Grant, Jeff Layman. No: None. Motion passed.*

**10. COMMITTEE, STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS**

**a. Parks & Recreation Committee.**

Todd Stone said a new playset and basketball court were installed at Bingham Park. Committee moving ahead with Groesser Park and updated signage at the parks with open and closure times.

**b. Building and Grounds.**

Midge Werner said Township Board will meet with Andy Rink and Jon Walter on June 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with regard to the renovation of the township hall building.

- c. Cemetery Committee - Midge Werner said the Committee did a walk thru of Maple Grove Cemetery.
- d. Zoning Administrator - Steve Patmore submitted a written report. There are 61 short term rentals to date.
- e. Planning Commission - Steve Patmore said the Planning Commission is focusing on updating the master plan. No meeting in July.
- f. Fire Authority- documents e-mailed to township board.
- g. Assessor's Quarterly Report - Certificate of Achievement for Bingham Township received from Department of Treasury recognizing the townships outstanding achievement of receiving a perfect score on the 2020 AMAR review. The township recognized the township accessor, Angela Friske as the driving force behind the townships assessing records and the Board thanks and congratulates her for this recognition brought to the township.
- h. Treasurer - Tax bills will be ready to send out this week.
- i. Trustees - No report.
- j. Clerk  
Kathy Morio presented Vendor Bills and Payroll for approval.  
*Midge Werner/moved, Sandra Grant/supported, to approve the Vendor Bills for \$18,959.02, and Payroll of \$9,754.24, motion passed.*
- k. Supervisor -  
Midge Werner gave an update on the Lee Point Rd. Drainage District. The township is still waiting for information from the Road Commission. Revised Covid Restrictions, as of July 1, 2021 the township board will have open meetings at the township hall and will also have zoom meetings thru the end of August 2021, at that time will make a decision about holding zoom meetings.

Consensus of the Board that the office door will be unlocked thru the day, and not rent out the township hall until further notice.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Veronica Moyer asked if the scanning of the Lee Point Road culvert will be presented to the public. Midge Werner said a report will be brought to the township board.

**12. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Kathy Morio, Township Clerk**









