

Approved 12/20/2021

**BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2021 7pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Midge Werner called the Bingham Township Board Meeting to order on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., a zoom meeting.

2. ROLL CALL- QUORUM

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

Absent and excused: Sandra Grant

Staff Present: Recording Secretary, Marge Johnson - Zoom

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Midge Werner/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to approve the agenda adding under New Business – Youth Works Grant applicaton to G.T. Band, PASSED

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 18, 2021

Midge Werner/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to approve the October 18, 2021 Minutes as presented, PASSED.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Perkins, County Solid Waste Board, gave an update on recycling in the County. A new recycling site at the Road Commission property on Eckerle Rd.is proposed. In the beginning there was a recycling site wherever there was a grocery store which worked. It was determined there should be a satellite recycling center to take pressure off of the other sites. Perkins said Bingham Township would be a good site. About 20 percent of the people using the Suttons Bay site come from Bingham Township. The townships do not have recycling sites in the commercial area in the zoning ordinances. The way to get around that is to have the recycling site on public property. Somewhere in Bingham Township on public property would be a good place for a recycling site. The Solid Waste Board would prepare an area for a recycling site. Perkins said American Waste (GFI) has a person who goes around the recycling sites and cleans them up.

Midge Werner said all of Bingham's public properties are small areas. The Board will speak to Steve Patmore, Zon. Admin. to discuss a possible amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow recycling sites in commercial areas.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of Sandra Grant and Linda Mikowski to the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee of the Lake Leelanau Association**

Nancy Popa said she is heading up the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. Sandra Grant and Linda Mikowski will perform a specific function around trying to engage the community in a strategy for the boat launches. This is an open-ended appointment. Popa plans to come back to the township and ask for volunteers.

Todd Stone/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to appoint Sandra Grant and Linda Mikowski to the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association. PASSED.

- b. Works Grant to Grand Traverse Band.**

Midge Werner said there was contact from Bill Watson who works with the youth group and has worked with the township on a couple of occasions to help do work at the parks. Bill Watson has asked if the township is interested in applying for a grant for 2% funds thru the Grand Traverse Band, asking for a \$16,000 grant this year which would allow the youth group to do work for the township primarily in the parks and possibly other work in the township. The township is looking to develop Groesser Park. No matching funds are required.

Todd Stone said it is important to identify the projects that the youth group will be working on, mainly Groesser Park.

Midge Werner said the group could possibly do some restoration work at the township cemeteries. The township will come up with a work plan that it wants the youth group to do.

Midge Werner/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, that Bingham Township authorize Bill Watson to apply for a grant for Bingham Township for 2% funds from the Grand Traverse Band for the youth works group to work on township parks and in other areas necessary in the amount of \$16,000.00, authoring Midge Werner to sign the grant application. PASSED

10. COMMITTEE, STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

a. Parks and Recreation Committee

Todd Stone said the committee is putting a standard task list together so that the committee will know the work that has to be done. The committee is working to make the 5-year plan more relevant to committee work. Signs have been received for the parks.

Midge Werner said an addition has been added to the sign south of Bingham Road stating the location of the Lake Leelanau access site. It now indicates there is access to West Grand Traverse Bay north of Bingham Road.

b. Building & Grounds Committee

Midge Werner said work on the outside of the Bingham Township Hall has been completed by Camelot Construction, which cost less than the original bid. Dennis Grant mentioned the township hall building is in need of painting and bids should be sought now if planning to obtain a painting contractor for spring work.

c. Cemetery Committee - No report.

d. Zoning Administrator/STR Administrator -Steve Patmore

Steve Patmore's report was received and reviewed.

e. Planning Commission

Jeff Layman said the Planning Commission is continuing to work on updating the master plan.

f. Fire Authority (documents e-mailed)

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

No report.

h. Treasurer - No report.

i. Trustee - No report.

j. Clerk

Kathy Morio submitted the Vendor Balance of \$17,464.02 and Payroll of

\$8,234.65 for approval.

Midge Werner/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to approve the Vendor Balance of \$17,464.02 and Payroll of \$8,234.65, PASSED.

Kathy Morio asked if the township should renew the Enterprise subscription for another year. Consensus of the board is to renew the subscription.

k. Supervisor

Discussion was held about having a potluck dinner before the December meeting. Consensus is to not have a potluck dinner before the December meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Midge Werner adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

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

