

**DRAFT**  
**BINGHAM TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 17, 2022 7pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Midge Werner called the Bingham Township Board Meeting to order on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., a zoom meeting.

**2. ROLL CALL- QUORUM**

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

Absent and excused: None

Staff Present: Recording Secretary, Marge Johnson - Zoom; Steve Patmore

Zoom: Theresa Rose, Eric Carlson

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to approve the agenda as presented, passed.*

**5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None shown.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 20, 2021**

*Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to approve the December 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented, passed.*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Blight Discussion -**

Steve Patmore provided the Board with information about a blight ordinance. Suttons Bay and Leelanau Townships have a blight ordinance. Steve Patmore will check to see if a question about a blight ordinance is on the master plan questionnaire.

- Sandra Grant - biggest concern enforcing the ordinance.
- Todd Stone - blight is a problem and should be addressed.
- Midge Werner - clean up and legal fees a concern. Could discuss issue at next Supervisor's Meeting. Suggest postponing the issue.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### a. **Housing North information**

Letter from Yarrow Brown reviewed. Requesting funds to support a full time position in Leelanau County.

- Midge Werner - not associated with any governmental entity. Would like to invite her to February meeting for a presentation.
- Jeff Layman - like the concept.

### b. **Intergovernmental Agreement**

Intergovernmental Agreement from Laurie Spencer.

- Midge Werner said the Township does not participate in this Agreement.
- Sandra Grant said the township has real time with BS&A.

*Consensus to notify the Leelanau County Equalization Director that Bingham Township will not follow thru with this.*

### c. **Township Tax Disbursement**

Sandra Grant said she did not disperse January taxes to the township because the funds were not there to disperse. The taxes will be disbursed by March 2022.

*Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to give the Treasurer the authority to postpone tax disbursements to the Township until the tax account does not negatively affect the township, passed.*

## 10. COMMITTEE, STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

### a. **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Todd Stone said the main focus in January was looking at parking at Boughey Park. Local residents don't want to see anything done that would negatively affect the park. The County Road Commission would be involved in stripping to identify where parking would be. The idea is to provide suitable parking in the park. Discussion was tabled.

### b. **Building & Grounds Committee**

Midge Werner said if the Board is going to move forward with renovating the township hall, contact should be made with Andy Rink, Architect to firm up plans. A couple of people gave us bids for painting the exterior of the township hall. Werner said she will follow up on painting the exterior of the township hall.

### c. **Cemetery Committee**

No report.

### d. **Zoning Administrator-** Steve Patmore submitted his report. Working on short term rental permits and renewal permits.

- e. **Planning Commission** - No meeting in January. On-line training coming up for planning commissioners.
- f. **Fire Authority** - documents e-mailed. Dorothy Petroskey is the new President of the Fire Board.
- g. **Assessor's Quarterly Report**  
*Sandra Grant/moved, Kathy Morio/supported, to accept the Assessor's Quarterly Report of October thru December 2021, passed.*
- h. **Treasurer** - No report.
- i. **Trustee** - Sandra Grant recommends that the trustees have an e-mail thru the township and put it on the township website. By consensus, the board decided to move forward with this.
- j. **Clerk** -  
Kathy Morio submitted the Vendor Balance and Payroll Report for approval.  
Vendor Balance - \$13,067.37. Payroll - \$9,550.12.

*Sandra Grant/moved, Midge Werner/supported, to pay the Vendor Balance of \$13,067.37 and Payroll of \$9,550.12, passed.*

**k. Supervisor**

**1. Board of Review Education**

Midge Werner said the township has three members on the Board of Review. The State has decided that Board of Review members have to go thru some type of educational seminar every two years. This year the educational seminar will be held in February 2022. Midge Werner said the township should consider paying the Board of Review members to attend a seminar preapproved by the Board. No decision was made.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Kathy Morio, Clerk

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