

Approved March 20, 2023 DRAFT MINUTES

**BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Midge Werner, Supervisor, called the Bingham Township Board Meeting to order on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bingham Township Hall and via Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL - QUORUM PRESENT

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

Absent: None

Staff: Steve Patmore, Marge Johnson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Sandra Grant/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to approve the agenda as submitted, motion carried.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None.

6. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Jeff Layman/moved, Sandra Grant/supported, to approve the January 16, 2023 Minutes as corrected, under Public Comment – Gretchen Scharfenberg, new neighbor to the north of Bingham Township Hall, stopped in to say hello, motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - Jim O'Rourke, County Commissioner, informed the township Board of county commissioner activities.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. MTA Conference - April 17-20, 2023 in Traverse City. The MTA Conference Information was reviewed.

Midge Werner/moved, Sandra Grant/supported, to approve paying for up to five Board members to attend the MTA Conference - April 17-20, 2023,

motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Zach Hillyer-Housing North

Zach Hillyer made a brief presentation of what Housing North does and said he is working with the Housing Action Committee, to obtain rental housing thru Peninsula Housing.

b. Bingham Township May 2023 Clean-up Day

Midge Werner said Bingham Township Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9 am to 12 noon. The bid from GFL was reviewed and concerns were expressed about the fuel surcharge of 25% of the total charges.

Sandra Grant/moved, Jeff Layman/supported, to accept the bid of GFL for the May 20, 2023 Clean-up Day, with the request that Midge Werner, Supervisor, contact GFL to see if the fuel surcharge could be reduced, motion carried.

c. Township Hall Rentals

Midge Werner said the township hall was not rented during COVID. Consensus of the Board to not rent the township hall until construction is finished.

10. COMMITTEE, STAFF AND OFFICER REPORTS

a. Parks and Recreation Committee - Todd Stone

Committee is reviewing the five-year plan. Committee looking at items to purchase with proposed budget. The Sparks Grant was not awarded to the township. Deciding what portajons should be rented for the parks. G.T. Band 2% funds awarded Bingham Park and Rec. a \$16,000 grant.

b. Building & Grounds - Kathy Morio

No report.

c. Cemetery Committee - Midge Werner

No report.

d. Zoning Administrator - Steve Patmore submitted his report.

e. Planning Commission - No meeting in February. March 2nd Meeting-master plan

f. Fire Authority - New Union Contract approved.

g. Assessor - No report.

- h. Treasurer - No report.
- i. Trustees - No report.

- j. Clerk -
 - Kathy Morio, Clerk, submitted Vendor Balance of \$7,770.15 and Payroll Report of \$10,607.61.
 - Sandra Grant/moved, Todd Stone/supported, to approve Vendor Balance of \$7,770.15 and Payroll Report of \$10,607.61, motion carried.***
- k. Supervisor - Midge Werner said the Sparks Grant application requires that the township prove ownership of Boughey Park. Midge Werner said information was found showing that the Township owns Boughey Park.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gretchen Scharfenberg said she owns property across the street from the township hall. *Donated to the township, a book written by her mother about Michigan.*

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary
Kathy Morio, Clerk

