

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2016  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held at the Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Barnes, Ramso, Catania, Anderson, High, Boyd and Liskey.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Sencia, Manager Ganum, Police Chief Unruh, Street/Fire Chief Knuth and Clerk Hahaj.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

Ken Krueger, 4024 Papalardo addressed the Council on his concerns about the Weko Beach walk way. He stated that the stairs have nails and bolts sticking out of them, he is concerned that children will get hurt. Mr. Krueger would like to see this repaired soon. Mayor Anderson stated the park employees are always pounding the nails and replacing boards. This will be referred to the Park Superintendent.

Christopher Quattrin was present to announce that he is running for Berrien County Drain Commissioner.

Gretchen Evans, Bridgman Public Librarian stated that they had over 200 hundred people at the Library dance. The Library will be getting a new logo and the open house for the Library will be July 28, 2016.

A citizen asked what was happening with the process of slowing down traffic on Lake Street; Manager Ganum stated that they are thinking about restriping Lake Street and Red Arrow Highway to place a bike path on the roads. It was also stated that signs can be purchased to be placed on the center line of the road.

Mayor Anderson read a memo about the current storm.

Moved by Council Member Barnes and supported by Council Member Catania to approve the agenda for the June 20, 2016 meeting with the addition of moving the Action Items to the beginning of the meeting, item 3.5 appointment of Allyson Holm to City Clerk, Sandpiper sewer relocation and set a Public hearing for the FY 2017 Budget for June. 27, 2016. Motion was passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Moved by Council Member Catania and supported by Council Member Boyd to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting. Motion was passed unanimously.

Moved by Council Member High and supported by Council Member Ramso to approve the bills in the amount of \$64,236.36. Motion was passed unanimously.

Manager Ganum and Mayor Anderson recommend the appointment of Debra Lambrix to the position of Bridgman City Treasurer.

Moved by Council Member Boyd and supported by Council Member Catania to appoint Debra Lambrix as the Bridgman City Treasurer. **ROLL CALL:** YES: Barnes, Ramso, Catania, Anderson, High, Boyd and Liskey. NO: None Motion was passed unanimously.

Manager Ganum and Mayor Anderson recommend the appointment of Allyson Holm as the Bridgman City Clerk.

Moved by Council Member High and supported by Council Member Barnes to appoint Allyson Holm as the Bridgman City Clerk. **ROLL CALL:** Barnes, Ramso, Catania, Anderson, High, Boyd and Liskely. NO: None. Motion was passed unanimously.

Moved by Council Member Catania and supported by Council Member Ramso to approve the CGA Service Agreement between the City of Bridgman and the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance. Motion was passed unanimously.

#### **BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

Manager Ganum gave an overview of the Budget. Most of the revenue for the City of Bridgman is generated from Property Taxes; Personal Property is being eliminated therefore tax payments will be decreasing.

**CITY COUNCIL:** Community Promotion has increase.

**ELECTIONS:** The voting equipment will be purchased this year and there are also 2 elections, August and November.

**ASSESSOR:** The assessor will be receiving a pay increase. Fund 801 professional service is in case there is a challenge.

**GENERAL OFFICE:** the office will be paying for 2 Treasurers and 2 Clerks for a period of time, the office will also be implementing BS&A Software. Council Member Barnes would like the amount of health insurance in the budget checked out because it seems like a huge increase.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** The large project in the budget increase is due to the remodel of the Street Department building. The cost of the building will be around \$492,471.00

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Unruh stated that approximately 82% of the Police budget is labor. Chief Unruh stated that the major expense in the Police Department will be a new police car at the cost of \$41,948.00.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- 3 sets of replacement firefighting gear at the cost of \$7,00.00
- 14 sets of Class A uniforms at the cost of \$8,400.00
- A pay increase for on-call firefighters from 15.75 to 16.00

Council Member Liskey did not agreement with the new Uniforms for the Fire Department. The Council agreed with the purchase of the Extraction tool for the Fire Department.

**STREET DEPARTMENT:** Supervisor Knuth would like to see the pay for each Street Department employee the same, because they all do the same work. He would like to see them get \$19.00 per hour; he stated that they are very under paid according to other communities that are the same size as Bridgman.

City Manager Ganum stated that a good way to recover some costs would be to place an admin fee of 1% on property taxes, this would generate between \$45,000 and \$50,000 dollars of revenue. The majority of the Council Members were not in favor of this increase. Council Member Barnes would like the health insurance looked into.

Rick Fuller, Stelter Farm Dr. stated that maybe the Council could delay expenses on certain projects.

**MAJOR AND LOCAL STREETS:** There will be an upgrade to local signs and more crack seal major streets.

Suzy Barnes presented to the City Council the fact that there is a manhole on the property that she would like to build her Fiber Mill; she stated that there is one 6" sewer line for 6 parcels in this manhole, the sewer lines must be replaced in order to build. Dan Urek from Wightmans stated that the manhole is a collection point for the sewer. Mr. Urek stated that there are 2 alternatives, Alternate #1 would be a cost of \$72,000.00 and this would be a public main and this would require a DEQ permit. Alternate #2 would cost \$58,000.00 and includes construction of 6 individual sewer services along the property lines; no DEQ permit is required so therefore the Engineering cost will be less.

Rick Fuller stated that the building will be 1730 square feet on top and will also be 1730 square feet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; it will be an open view with all glass windows. It will employ 4 to 6 people and they hope to open in 5 months.

Moved by Council Member High and supported by Council Member Ramso to approve the City of Bridgman taking responsibility for the sewer relocation at Sandpiper and using pay estimate alternate #2 for the relocation of the sewer. Motion was passed. 6 – YES and 1 – ABSTAIN (Council Member Barnes)

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Moved by Council Member Barnes and supported by Council Member High to set the public hearing for the FY 2017 Budget for June 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Motion was passed unanimously.

Council Member Catania would like to see an end to term limits. Council Member Catania asked that it be placed on the agenda for the June 27, 2016 meeting.

Moved by Council member High and supported by Council Member Catania to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

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Pamela Hahaj, Clerk

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Hannah Anderson, Mayor