

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 2018
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on March 19, 2018 at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Robert Liskey, Hannah Anderson, Jim Catania, Rick Fuller

COUNCIL ABSENT: Georgia Gipson, Vince Rose, Ken High

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Treasurer Lambrix, Engineers Mary Nykamp and Chris Brayak

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Five (5) community members spoke in favor of allowing the aerobics class to continue using the Weko Beach House at no charge for the three (3) days a week class.
- Dalton Stange, pastor of the South Shore Fellowship Church, asked that the church be allowed continued usage of the Weko Beach House at their current rate of \$125 per week.
- One (1) resident spoke in support of the South Shore Fellowship Church's use of the Weko Beach House

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the agenda for March 19, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Kim LaSata, Michigan State Representative of 79th District, provided a legislative update. Three bills sponsored by Rep. LaSata were signed by the governor. Two bills dealt with a program to adopt shorelines and rivers for clean-up purposes that the DNR will oversee. The third bill was to rename a section of Red Arrow Highway in the Shoreham area in honor of Michigan State Trooper Robert Mihalik who was killed in the line of duty.

Rep. LaSata reported that the committee on the budget for higher education is working on strengthening the performance matrix for higher education institutes regarding Title IV reporting. She also reported that the budget committee is looking for ways to give local governments more in revenue sharing. The state budget ended with a \$175 million surplus and the local governments can expect more in street funding. Bridgman will receive an additional \$18,000 this year.

Catania asked Rep. LaSata about how employers would address employee use of marijuana if the state passed recreational use laws. Rep. LaSata stated that employers would continue to use drug testing as they currently do with their policies. Anderson asked if Rep. LaSata had heard of how the state plans on returning some of the lost revenue sharing funds. Rep. LaSata stated that legislators are advocating for additional funding.

Jack Fisher, Director of Medic 1, presented a slide show of the history of Medic 1 and discussed the need by the executive board to consider raising the current subsidy rates to the communities by \$0.50 per resident per month.

Council Member Liskey asked if the council was going to take action on the requests regarding the use of Weko Beach House by members of the audience. Mayor Anderson suggested that the matter be added to the next agenda. Council Member Fuller asked if the committee that previously met regarding the fee schedule for the Beach House reconvene in the next two weeks to bring suggestions to the council regarding the requests. Mayor Anderson directed the city manager to schedule a committee meeting prior to the next council meeting in April.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to approve the March 5, 2018 workshop meeting minutes, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Catania to approve the bills in the amount of \$169,061.90 **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Liskey to approve a contract between the City of Bridgman and Northern Construction Company in the amount of \$292,251 to reconstruct Donna and Vista Drives, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Liskey to approve a contract between the City of Bridgman and R. Yoder Construction in the amount of \$451,415 to renovate the Department of Public Works (Street Department) Building, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Fuller, seconded by Council Member Liskey to adopt Resolution 2018-03 for the first reading of Ordinance 2018-197 to adopt an amendment to Section 5.03, "Parking – General Standards" of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bridgman, **motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to adopt Resolution 2018-04 for the first reading of Ordinance 2018-198 to adopt an amendment to Section 7.02, "Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures" of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bridgman, **motion carried unanimously.**

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Review Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bridgman and Towboat US

Prior to discussion on the memorandum of understanding, City Manager Ganum passed out a letter he had written to AEP thanking the company for a donation of \$8,000 to be used towards the new boat ramp materials. This donation was not solicited by the city, but by an employee at the Cook Plant, Bill Neuendorf. Mr. Neuendorf felt it was a good community project for AEP to support.

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Fuller to authorize City Manager Ganum to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bridgman and Towboat US to fabricate the new boat ramp at Weko Beach, **motion carried unanimously.**

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

No one wished to be heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Council Member Fuller requested that the clock tower at the Fire Department be adjusted for daylight savings, and was informed that it's a factory setting and will adjust in a couple of weeks due to the change in when daylight savings happens.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Catania, seconded by Council Member Liskey to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

Hannah Anderson, Mayor

Debra Lambrix, Treasurer