

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2020
6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on August 17, 2020 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Stacy Stine, Jan Trapani, Vince Rose, Rick Fuller, Georgia Gipson, Sarah Buist,

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Attorney Senica, Police Chief Unruh, Parks and Recreation Director Root, Treasurer Lambrix, and DPS Director Kading, Fire Chief Buist, Building Official Mattner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by council.

Mayor Rose explained the meeting procedure and how the public will be able to comment under the Hearing of Citizens.

APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the agenda for August 17, 2020 as presented,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Stine, Trapani, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist

Nays: None

Motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Mayor Rose started out addressing those that wished to speak about the shoreline and asked that just one representative speak on behalf of each association. Each representative would be given 15 minutes instead of the 3 minutes.
- Attorney Senica stated she does not think it is fair or practical for the City to put a blanket moratorium on revetments. She explained the due process for residents to obtain an application from the State, EGLE. Instead, she has drafted a resolution that contains clear thoughts and ideas on beachfront access for the council to consider.
- Marian Macsai, 9455 Big Beach Trail – Agrees with what Attorney Senica stated and strongly endorses the resolution presented. She inquired about the concept of moving all septic systems from the lake side to the land side.
- Gene Schoon, 4970 E. Kevan Drive – Represents Woodland Shores and spoke on their behalf. The revetments will have an impact both visually and with the residents. The Bridgman beach is a valuable asset and makes Bridgman what it is. The board has read the resolution being presented tonight and endorses it.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Buist to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020 regular meeting,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Trapani, Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Stine

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Gipson to approve the bills in the amount of \$197,131.76,

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Rose, Fuller, Gipson, Buist, Stine, Trapani

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Appointment to fill an unexpired City Council term, which ends November 2022

Mayor Rose stated that there are three people interested in filling the unexpired term that all would be a great fit. He asked if any of them wished to speak. No applicant raised their hand to speak. The board discussed the three applicants and who they would like to see appointed. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Stine to appoint Pam Hahaj to fill an unexpired City Council term, which ends November 2020,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Gipson, Buist, Stine, Trapani, Rose

Nays: Fuller

Motion carried.

Policy on Lake Michigan Beach Access and Barriers to the High Water Mark

The board discussed the resolution presented tonight and asked questions before voting on it.

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Trapani to adopt Resolution 2020-10, which is a policy on Lake Michigan Beach Access and Barriers to the High Water Mark,

Roll Call:

Yeas: Gipson, Buist, Stine, Trapani, Rose, Fuller

Nays:

Motion carried.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS:

City Manager's Report

Ganum added a few things to his written report.

- There will be a 5th Monday meeting with Lake Charter Township.
- He updated the council on the 4-part forum series he was a part of.
- He showed council pictures of the trash receptacles that have been recently painted. This was a citizen-initiated project in cooperation with the CIA to do this.
- The Community Buzz is forthcoming and has a lengthy article on trash and recycling that asks residents to take a survey.

- They city's Medic 1 representative, Bill Boyd has provided the city with the Medic 1 annual report. Ganum will be attending the meeting next week to delve in more and report back to council with more information.
- The heart from the Weko Beach sign has been found and recovered by a tip. Ganum shared an idea of moving the heart around the community or make a duplicate and plant it in different locations to take pictures of it. If anyone has any ideas, please reach out to the city.

Distribution of Medic 1 Annual Report

Ganum will come back with more information after he attends the upcoming meeting next week.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- Gene Schoon – Thanked the council for passing the resolution on the revetments. He encouraged the city to be in communication with Lake Township and he plans to speak at the Lake Township meeting tomorrow.
- Marian Macsai – Thanked the council for their due diligence and passing the resolution. She will be attending the Lake Township tomorrow and would like the city to share the resolution with them if comfortable.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Member Trapani - Thanked Debbie, Allyson, and Lori for doing a fine job on election day. It was nice having it at the Fire Station and the process was very clear. Thank you for your hard work.
- Member Fuller - Thanked the citizens for their comments tonight. Inquired on the status for recovering money from the Weko Beach House HVAC project. Ganum stated Attorney Senica has left the meeting and he will have an update for council through email.
- Member Stine – Excited to see so many people interested in filling the unexpired council term. The city should encourage them to find ways to have them participate in the future on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Stine, seconded by Council Member Trapani to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m., **motion carried.**

Vince Rose, Mayor

Allyson Holm, City Clerk