

BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2023, at 6:30 pm

City Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on April 3, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI, 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Jan Trapani at 6:30 pm EST.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Trapani instructed the city clerk to take roll call.

Present: John Bonkoske, William Boyd, Pam Hahaj, Vince Rose, and Jan Trapani

Absent: Georgia Gipson, Sam Stine

Staff Present: City Manager Juan Ganum, City Clerk Sheila Reitz, City Treasurer Debbie Lambrix, Fire Chief Joel Buist, Police Chief Dan Unruh, Parks and Recreation Director Sara Ball, and Attorney Sara Senica.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Trapani.

4. Approve/Amend the Agenda for April 3, 2023

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the agenda. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

5. Hearing of Citizens

- A representative from Pennies for Patients cancer fundraiser spoke about the 75th anniversary of the event. The event will be held in Bridgman on May 8, 2023, and in various other locations throughout that week.
- A resident spoke about the possibility of using the parking lot for an arts festival.
- A representative from St. Joe Today updated the Council Members on the Makers Trail Festival to be held at Weko Beach.
- A representative of the Greater Bridgman Area Council for Growth and Advancement (CGA) gave an update on the courtyard project. She stated that the community support has been tremendous and that they broke ground on the project on April 3, 2023.

6. Sharing Good News

City Manager Ganum stated he was thankful for the willingness of residents to volunteer.

7. Action Items

A. Approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2023, regular meeting.

Motion by Council Member Rose and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve the March 6, 2023, regular meeting minutes. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

B. Approval of the bills in the amount of \$184,277.81.

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$184,277.81. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

C. Consideration of rescheduling the May 8, 2023, City Council meeting to May 1, 2023, due to the May 2023 election being postponed to August 2023.

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to reschedule the May 8, 2023, City Council meeting to May 1, 2023, and to reschedule the August 7, 2023, City Council meeting to August 14, 2023. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

D. Consideration of approving a Special Event Application for the Bridgman 5K/10K on July 8, 2023, submitted by Spencer Carr.

Motion by Mayor Trapani and seconded by Council Member Rose to approve the Special Event Application for the Bridgman 5K/10K on July 8, 2023, submitted by Spencer Carr. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

E. Consideration of approving Resolution 2023-09 Emergency Management Liaison

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to approve Resolution 2023-09, appointing Chief Unruh as the City of Bridgman's emergency management liaison. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

F-H. Consideration of appointment of James Crow, Rich Kubsch, and Lowell Smith to serve on the Construction Board of Appeals for a term of two years.

Motion by Mayor Trapani and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to appoint James Crow, Rich Kubsch, and Lowell Smith to serve on the Construction Board of Appeals for a term of two years, ending January 1, 2025. Roll call vote:

AYES: Bonkoske, Boyd, Hahaj, Rose, Trapani

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gipson, Stine

Motion carried, unanimously.

I-J. Consideration of appointment of Lauren Baker and Jacquie Blackwell to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, ending April 1, 2026.

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Mayor Trapani to appoint Lauren Baker and Jacquie Blackwell to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, ending April 1, 2026. Roll call vote:

AYES: Hahaj, Rose, Trapani, Bonkoske, Boyd

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gipson, Stine

Motion carried, unanimously.

K-L. Consideration of appointment of Steven Boshnyak and Eugene Schoon to the Zoning Board of appeals for a term of three years, ending May 1, 2026.

Motion by Council Member Bonkoske and seconded by Council Member Rose to appoint Steven Boshnyak and Eugene Schoon to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three years, ending May 1, 2026. Roll call vote:

AYES: Trapani, Bonkoske, Boyd, Hahaj, Rose

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gipson, Stine

Motion carried, unanimously.

M. Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance 2023-214 (adoption of 2021 International Property Maintenance Code).

Motion by Mayor Trapani and seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-214 for the adoption of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as presented. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

8. Workshop Items and Reports

A. Assessor's Monthly Report- No report was given.

B. City Attorney's Report- No report was given.

C. City Manager's Report

City Manager Ganum highlighted areas of his written report for the Council Members. Ganum reported that the traffic construction located at the corner of Red Arrow Highway and Lake Street was postponed a week by Michigan Gas. Budget presentations will take place at the May 1, 2023, City Council meeting. He also presented and explained the street map for preparing the Annual Act 51 Mileage Certification Report for the State of Michigan.

9. Hearing of Citizens- No one wished to be heard at this time.

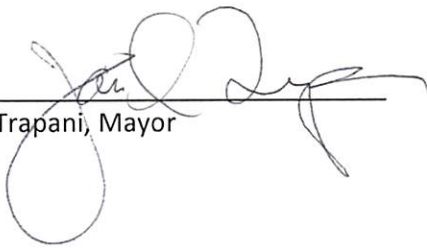
10. Council Comments

- Council Member Bonkoske commented on the "Business and Brews" event held by the CGA for area businesses. He shared ideas from various business owners.
- Council Member Boyd commented that all council members should have business cards and identification badges.
- Council Member Rose commented that he was thankful to have the Weko Beach stickers.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Council Member Hahaj and seconded by Council Member Bonkoske to adjourn at 7:24 pm.
Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Jan Trapani, Mayor

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Sheila Reitz, City Clerk

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