

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2022  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on April 4, 2022, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Sam Stine, Jan Trapani, Vince Rose, Stacy Stine, Pam Hahaj, Georgia Gipson

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** John Bonkoske

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Building Official Mattner, Parks Director Ball, Police Chief Unruh, Treasurer Lambrix, DPS Director Kading, Attorney Senica (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the agenda for April 4, 2022, as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Tara Heiser, 9326 Kramar Dr. – She spoke on behalf of the CGA on upcoming events. The Maker’s Trail Festival will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 9 p.m., with four bands, several food vendors, and a variety of drinks being offered. They are looking for volunteers and local sponsors. The CGA’s annual meeting will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Lake Township Park. They will be thanking local first responders of both the City of Bridgman and Lake Charter Township.
- Wendy Lozeau, 3747 Lake St. – She talked about the water intake at the beach needing to be repainted and shared her thoughts and ideas on how it could be done. She stated that she spoke with Ganum last year about putting money in the budget for this project.
- Mike Carlson, 9312 Ontario – Thanked Ganum, AJ Mottl, and Kathy Ramso with LSE’s recent issue with their sewer line. He appreciated the responsiveness of the City coming right out and working late to get it taken care of. He recently met with a couple CGA members and is wanting to get involved with the Social District. This requires a resolution approved from the city council which he will have ready for the next council meeting.
- George Lucas – He is a local real estate broker and a resident in Chikaming Township. He is running for State Representative in the 38<sup>th</sup> District. He introduced himself and shared some background information on himself and why he is running.
- Bill Boyd, 9511 Dunewood Dr. – He thanked Wendy Lozeau for her comments and stated the City should get the caisson painted. He talked about the tower clock at City Hall and how he has been promised it would get fixed but still isn’t working. He spoke on the banners along Lake St and how beautiful they are.
- Joey Andrews – He is running for State Representative in the 38<sup>th</sup> District. He introduced himself and shared some background information on himself and why he is running.

## PRESENTATIONS:

### **Peg Kohring, Executive Director of Neighbor by Neighbor**

Neighbor by Neighbor is a non-profit group that works with people that are 200% or lower in poverty. They spent \$8,000 in Bridgman this last year and she went through the funds that were spent in different areas. They have approximately 1,200 clients with 200 of them not having a GED. They have a relationship with Michigan Works to allow them to obtain GED's. They also have a couple of social workers working with clients and recently received \$50,000 from United Way to continue assisting those in need. Originally this program started with the Pokagon realm and currently serves Chikaming, New Buffalo, Three Oaks, Bridgman, Lake Township, Baroda, and Weesaw. If anyone knows of anyone in need, please share the information to help get them assistance they need.

## ACTION ITEMS:

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2022 regular meeting, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to approve the bills in the amount of \$193,990.24, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Gipson to reappoint Steve Parsons, Tom Woerdehoff, and John Truesdell to the Planning Commission for three-year terms ending April 1, 2025, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to approve the adjustment to the Weko Beach fee schedule and hours of fee collections for the upcoming 2022 season as presented,

Council discussed the fees and information at length.

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to modify the original motion to approve the Weko Beach fee schedule and hours of fee collections for the upcoming 2022 season as presented with a change to the daily parking fee to \$15 instead of \$12, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.** (See attached fee schedule)

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Trapani to adopt **Resolution 2022-05** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance to reflect the inclusion of kitchenettes and small kitchen appliances in the individual rooms in hotels and small kitchen appliances in individual rooms in hotels and commercial lodging, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve a License Agreement between the City of Bridgman and On Lake Time, LLC, for Refuse and Recycling Dumpsters to be placed within a City Parking lot, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

## WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS:

### **Assessor's Monthly Report – February 2022**

Assessor Baumann was not present. The council did not have any questions on his monthly report. Ganum shared a couple of graphs and how the Taxable Value Trend By Class between 2018 – 2019 is finally where it was in 2008 before the decline in the market.

### **Parks and Recreation Director's Monthly Report – March 2022**

Ganum shared a video that was included in the packed from the Toth Park Mom's that they put together themselves. He and Ball have had a couple of meeting with them to discuss what they would like to see in Toth Park. Ball showed the souvenir shirts, hoodie, and stickers that will be available for purchase this season.

Attorney Senica arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Ball explained that this year there will be a physical sticker for the boat passes that will be placed on the tongue of the trailer. Every boat trailer will need to be registered this year.

### **City Manager's Report**

Ganum shared the following information with council:

- He was notified that Dan Sutton has passed. He served on the Bridgman City council from 1977 – 1997, serving as Mayor Pro Tem from 1981 – 1987 and Mayor from 1987 – 1997.
- Lake Street Eats recently had a sewer backup and city staff was on site within 40 minutes. He gave kudos to the team that fixed the backup in such a timely fashion.
- The Galien River Sanitary District Authority completed the bond refunding to take advantage of the interest rate of 2.14%.
- The Community Buzz is being prepared right now and should be out in about 6 weeks.
- There is a one-hour webinar coming up on April 12<sup>th</sup> by the Michigan State University Extension to discuss a variety of zoning regulations with housing options that Mattner told him about. If anyone is interested in attending, it is \$12 and the City will pay for it.
- Matter gave an update on Casey's and Dominion's projects. Casey's project is out for bid and they are wanting to break ground in late May and open before Christmas. He is still waiting to hear back from Dominion on a sewer connection agreement.

### **City Attorney's Report**

Attorney Senica gave council an update on the recent Planning Commission meeting where a public hearing was held for consideration of allowing a marijuana secure transport company. They are wanting to be located along the I-94 corridor and transport product in a secure way. She explained the plurality of the board's vote on a recommendation to the city council allowing this marijuana license. Two members of the board were absent that were in favor of the secure transport license, two members were in favor with a vault requirement, and one was in favor of moving forward but without the vault requirement. So, three technically were in favor of the license. She is going to provide two Ordinances for recreational and medical marijuana secure transport licenses to the council at their next meeting. This will be the only marijuana license allowed within the city. The council asked Senica questions and she explained that the State permits marijuana licenses with intense scrutiny and does allow municipalities to choose to allow only one of the five license types. She explained installing a vault inside the building is not required by the State as both the vehicles and facility are secure and have a security system.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Bill Boyd – Explained when Bridgman became a city and how they purchased Weko Beach from Lake Township. There was a portion of the beach on the north side that was donated years ago from Manley Brothers Co. There should be papers at City Hall reflecting all of this.

- Ganum shared a photo of his 100-year-old grandmother and him while he was visiting in Argentina. He also showed a short video he took of a protest from employees of their local government.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Member Trapani asked about concert nights and when collections will stop beforehand. Ball explained that they will stop charging at 6:30 p.m. before the concerts start and place the covers over the kiosk machines as well.
- Mayor Rose asked if the season length at Weko Beach is similar to other municipalities. Ball stated that it is.
- Member Sam Stine thanked Mr. Boyd for his comments on the artwork banners downtown. This was a development from the former art teacher, Julie Bender. She had a vision of having artwork displayed so the children could be recognized outside of the classroom. He will share the compliment with her and thanked the city workers for installing the banners and the City for their support by purchasing those banners.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk

## 2021 Weko Beach & Campground Fees

Seasonal Passes	Prices
Resident City & Lake TWP.	\$10.00
Senior Citizen Resident (First Pass)	Free (at City Hall)
Inside Berrien County	\$40.00
Outside Berrien County	\$50.00
<b>Boat Ramp Seasonal Passes</b>	
Resident City & Lake TWP.	\$30.00
Inside Berrien County	\$60.00
Outside Berrien County	\$70.00
<b>Daily Passes</b>	
Vehicle	\$10.00
Boat Ramp	\$30.00
Bus (if parking is available)	\$60.00
<b>Camping</b>	
East & West—Per Night (Electric & Water)	\$35.00
South—Per Night (Electric)	\$30.00
<b>Cabins</b>	
#1,2,3,4—Per Night	\$50.00
#5 & 6—Per Night	\$60.00
#7—Per Night	\$45.00

## Proposed: 2022 Weko Beach & Campground Fees

Seasonal Passes	Prices
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Senior Citizen Resident (First Pass)	Free (at City Hall)
<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
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<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Daily Passes</b>	
<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
Boat Ramp	\$30.00
Bus (if parking is available)	\$60.00
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