

**Bridgman City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 18, 2022**  
**6:30pm**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on July 18, 2022, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106 and was called to order by Mayor Rose at 6:30pm.

**2) WELCOME**

Sarah Karl as new City Clerk

**3) ROLL CALL**

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

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, Building Official Mattner, Parks Director Ball, Police Chief Unruh, Fire Chief Buist, Treasurer Lambrix, Attorney Senica, Assessor Baumann, DPS Director Kading

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

**5) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the agenda as printed.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**6) HEARING OF CITIZENS**

**Rita DePedro** recognized the city staff for administrative leadership. She reported of a drone sighting on Lake Street hovering at roughly 20 ft off the ground. She asked council to consider the impact of drone use and cited potential hazards that could develop from them.

**Julie Strating** as representative from the Corridor Improvement Authority (**CIA**) and the Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance (**CGA**) spoke regarding a CIA grant application to the Michigan Municipal League on behalf of the CIA and requested council members sign a letter of support for the Mural Project Magic Carpet.

**7) ACTION ITEMS**

**7A. Motion** by Council Member Gipson, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022, regular meeting as printed.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**7B. Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the bills in the amount of \$202,586.79.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**7C. Motion** by Council Member Bonkoske seconded by seconded Sam Stine to approve a vote in favor of Lee Kilbourn, Mayor of the City of Auburn to a four-year term on the Michigan Municipal League's workers compensation Fund Board of Trustees.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously

## 8) WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS

**8D Assessors monthly report:** As the inflation rate increases it will have an impact on the revenue capture as the ability to catch up to the rate is not looking good.

**8E Police Chief's monthly report:** He explained his enforcement report and clarified that the enforcement reporting can cross with multiple classifications. Example a traffic stops and a verbal warning.

**8F Fire Chief's biannual incident report:** Good Intent Calls are when someone is there to lend a hand.

**8G Director of Public Services monthly report:** Weed control is just being applied to downtown sidewalks and curb pan throughout the city.

**8H. Engineers Report** None.

**8I City Attorneys Report:** Senica explained that she is reviewing the fine schedule for violations and setting a fair schedule for proration and offense number based on the scope of the project.

**8J City Manager's Report:** The City of Bridgman's revenue share is approximately \$15,000 more than originally planned. Berrien County's Emergency Management Office is holding a public comment period for its newly updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City of Bridgman has asked Berrien County to incorporate five projects into the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Inclusion of these projects will allow the City to be eligible for grant funding.

Manager Ganum discussed an article on the opportunity to attract and retain workers through affordable housing and announced that a DPS employee has resigned. Tapistry Brewing has asked Ganum to investigate Harvest Host and the use of a municipal parking lot for overnight camper parking. Planning Commission discussed this at their last meeting and has asked questions regarding how many campers, how much liability for the City to allow overnight camping on a municipal lot. Senica stated it's questionable to use tax dollars to benefit one business. Council members requested signs stating that no camping or overnight parking be placed in the parking lot. Ganum thanked Sara Ball for her dedication to her job as she dealt with a waste management issue during a recent event at the Beach House.

Ganum reminded council that there is scheduled meeting for August 1<sup>st</sup> because of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> election.

## 9) HEARING OF CITIZENS

**William Boyd:** Haymarket campers are parking very close to the helipad located on the property and thought it was federally protected space within so many feet of the Helipad.

## 10) COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Council Member Bonkoske:** He attended an event of the Southwest Michigan Chamber which gave an opportunity to hear from the 5 candidates running for state office. He is not giving endorsements but emphasized that there were 3 for short term rentals and 2 against them.

Short term rental is a big deal for the City of Bridgman. He said there is a second-best option and feels we should look at way to carve ourselves out.

**Council Member Stacy Stine:** Haymarket RVs are using the water and wastewater hookup at the beach. Free to the public, feels we should consider charging a cost to use the water and wastewater hookups.

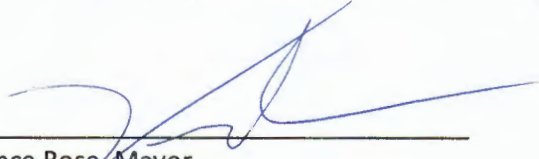
**Council Member Sam Stine:** Thank you to Julie Strating for presenting to council. It is exciting to see partnerships between the school and city. Thank you for your effort of the CIA grant. Jacob Sipone is a wonderful artist, and I am truly looking forward to this project.

**Mayor Rose:** New tennis courts at the high school look great. Rose complimented Manager Ganum's performance and extra effort and suggested his evaluation and raise be considered. He also would like Council to consider meeting once a month.

#### 11) ADJOURNMENT

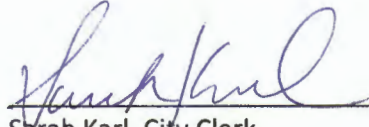
Motion by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm,

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.



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Vince Rose, Mayor



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Sarah Karl, City Clerk