

CITY OF BRIDGMAN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
October 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Bridgman City Corridor Improvement Authority was held on October 9, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Chair Anderson at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Hannah Anderson, Matthew Bizoe, James Lucas, Beth McNeil, John Murphy

Absent: Julie Strating, Catherine Worcester

Staff present: City Manager Juan Ganum, City Clerk Sheila Reitz

At this time Chair Anderson introduced new member James Lucas to the board members present.

3. Approve/Amend Agenda for October 9, 2023

Motion by Member McNeil and seconded by Member Bizoe to approve the October 9, 2023, agenda as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

4. Hearing of the Citizens- No one wished to be heard.

5. Approval of the September 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Member Bizoe and seconded by Member McNeil to approve the September 18, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

6. Monthly Financial Report

Members reviewed the monthly financial report in the meeting packet.

7. Discussion Item:

A. Holiday decorations for planters

The Members discussed and agreed to the “Frostina the Snowman” holiday planter contest for the city planters downtown. Chair Anderson and Member McNeil will approach the business owners with a planter near their premises for participation. Members Bizoe and Lucas along with City Manager Ganum are tasked with creating a QR code for voting for the best decorated planter.

Motion by Member Bizoe and seconded by Member McNeil to approve the expenditure of not more than \$300 to purchase signs for voting for each holiday planter in the “Frostina the Snowman” contest. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

B. Courtyard/MML Community Excellence Award

City Manager Ganum informed the Members that the MML Excellence Award will be awarded at next week's meeting MML conference. He stated that the presentation looks great and offered his gratitude to Tara Heiser and Julie Strating for their dedication and hard work on the project.

C. Bridgman welcome sign at Exit 16

City Manager Ganum displayed the area at Exit 16 to the Members. Discussion was held regarding the need for, the design, and placement of a “Welcome to Bridgman” sign. Members viewed an example of a sign in Three Oaks Village.

Members agreed to do the east bound exit sign first. Members will find examples of signs and send them to City Manager Ganum to be compiled for the next meeting to be held on November 13, 2023.

8. Staff Updates

Member Lucas is purchasing the “Old U-Turn Café” located at 4055 Lake Street, Bridgman, to renovate for his gym.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Member Bizoe and seconded by Member McNeil to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Reitz, City Clerk
City of Bridgman