

**BRIDGMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2021  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Council was held on October 18, 2021, 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 (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** John Bonkoske

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Senica, City Clerk Holm, Police Chief Unruh, Parks Director Ball, Director of Public Services Kading, Building Official Mattner, Fire Chief Buist and Treasurer Lambrix

The pledge of allegiance was led by council.

**APPROVE/AMEND THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the agenda for October 18, 2021, as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Ann Griffin, 9587 Red Arrow Highway – She would like the speed limit on Lake Street west of Red Arrow Highway to be reduced. She states there are too many people speeding in that area, and she has seen deer hit by passing vehicles. She would be willing to pay for wildlife signs to be installed down there.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2021, regular meeting, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Trapani to approve the bills in the amount of \$25,525.60, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Sam Stine, seconded by Council Member Stacy Stine to reappoint Catherine Worcester to the Corridor Improvement Authority with a term ending October 2024 and appoint Hannah Anderson as the Chief Executive Officer's assignee, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the use of Weko Beach and Campground for winter recreational vehicle (RV) storage during the off season (November to April) by seasonal tenants at a rate of \$55 per month and direct the City Attorney to prepare an Agreement of Liability,

(Council Member Gipson arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

The council discussed the following:

- An RV that would park there would be for storage only. There would be no water or electric and it would not be allowed to be used during the off season.
- The owner of the RV would need to sign a waiver that would hold the City harmless of any damages that may occur.
- There is a current cap of 30 seasonal campers. Only one came before the council at the last meeting to ask if he could keep his RV there over the winter. There may be one additional camper interested in doing this. If the council decides to allow off season storage, only a limited number of seasonal campers should be allowed to do this.
- Ball only did a price check on outdoor storage facilities not municipalities. She stated that municipalities generally don't offer a service like this anymore as it is a hassle with people breaking into them.
- The council would like to see a waiver written up before making any decisions. There were concerns that were brought up tonight that should be discussed further.
- Attorney Senica will write up a waiver agreement for council to review. Even with a waiver holding the City harmless, people could still try to come after the City and sue. There are several things the council should take into consideration before making a decision. This topic was just brought up two weeks ago from a seasonal camper at the last council meeting. The council does not need to take any action tonight.

**Motion** by Council Member Stacy Stine, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to rescind the previous motion and table this action item, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by Council Member Hahaj, seconded by Council Member Sam Stine to approve the quote from West Side Tractor Sales in the amount of \$11,125.26 to repair the 2006 John Deer front end loader used by the Department of Public Services and Parks and Recreation Department,

- Kading explained that the quote reflects the company picking up the loader, but he will have it transported to save money. New tires were purchased 2 – 3 years ago and there has not been any major issue in the last 5 years until now. The motor is sound except for the injectors. He will ask council next budget year to approve trading in the backhoe for an additional loader with the current one to keep as a spare.

**Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Mattner explained that he was informed of a fence being built at 4812 Lake Street on October 6, 2021 without a permit being issued. He discovered that the fence was not on their property, it was in the City's right-of-way. He spoke with Ganum and Senica on different ways to remedy the situation. The City could prepare an easement that would allow the installation of the fence on the City's property, or the owner would have to remove it. The fence will be gated with access off Karen Court and the exit onto Lake Street. The fence is to try and keep beachgoers from parking in their parking lots. Building this fence without a permit is the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> time this company has been fined.

The council discussed the information presented at length. This includes the location of the fence currently and where it would be located if installed onto their property. With the owner continuously getting fined for not following rules, what is to stop them from continuing to do things improperly and not pulling permits before doing work. The fence would need to be taken care of and maintained if allowed on City property. If not, it would be up to the City to enforce. The owner could install gates at the entrances instead of installing the fence.

**Motion** by Council Member Trapani, seconded by Council Member Hahaj to deny approving an easement agreement between the City of Bridgman and Bridgman Michigan, LLC to permit the

installation of a fence within Lake Street right-of-way at 4812 Lake Street, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**WORKSHOP ITEMS AND REPORTS:**

**City Attorney's Report (verbal)**

Attorney Senica did not have anything to report.

**City Manager's Report**

Ganum was not in attendance and Kading had no information to add to his report.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- Bill Boyd – Years ago the City's ordinances did not allow gated communities. Problems can arise with emergency personnel trying to enter with codes being changed. Maybe the City should look into the current ordinances and possibly make a change to no longer allow gated communities.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- No comments were had.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Council Member Sam Stine, seconded by Council Member Trapani to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

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Vince Rose, Mayor

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk