

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular January 7, 2010 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Jane Mitchell at 7:03 pm.

Members Present: Jane Mitchell, Supervisor; Norma Ruggless, Clerk; Brian Dinneen, Trustee and Lynn Ferris, Trustee.

Members Absent: Janet Dehring, Treasurer

Others Present: Three residents and the Township Fire Chief.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular December 17, 2009 meeting were approved as amended.

### **BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Oronoko Charter Township
2. MTA – How to Understand, Evaluate & Negotiate Contracts, ZBA: Roles and Responsibilities

**Motion by Mitchell, second by Dinneen, to approve any Zoning Board of Appeals and or Township Board member be allowed to attend the MTA MTA-How to Understand, Evaluate & Negotiate Contracts, ZBA: Roles and Responsibilities at the registration rate of \$70 per person per session. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (3-0).**

3. Lake Michigan College Martin Luther King Celebration

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion by Ruggless, second by Mitchell, to approve check #6916 to and including check #6946 totaling \$ 21,517.69 from the General Fund as well as check #4225 to and including check #4252 totaling \$6,778.53 from the Fire Fund. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (3-0).**

Ferris arrives 7:25 pm.

### **REPORTS**

SEBCLA

Mitchell and Dineen provided further information regarding the newspaper article discussing the potential sale of the landfill.

SMCAS report-on file

Fire Report

Chief Jesswein presented the Fire report.

**Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to approve the purchase of one set of turnout gear at cost not to exceed \$1,975.00. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).**

**Motion by Mitchell, second by Dinneen, to approve sending three (3) firefighters to Ice Rescue Training at Bertrand Township at cost not to exceed \$600.00. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).**

**Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to approve sending Rich Cheney to CPR Instructor training at cost not to exceed \$200.00. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### *Benson Project*

Mitchell met with the group working on the Benson project. There was discussion regarding the roads proposed for the area and the land splits of the property. Mitchell also met with the Berrien County Road Commission regarding the project. It was determined that a meeting of both parties and the assessor should take place to clarify road development and the accurate splits of the property.

Future discussion by the board regarding a subdivision or private road ordinance was recommended.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Norma M. Ruggless  
Buchanan Township Clerk