

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular March 18, 2010 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Jane Mitchell at 7:39 pm.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Five residents and the Township Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular March 4, 2010 meeting were approved as amended.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Oronoko Charter Township – Master Plan Public Hearing
2. SWMPC-WMTG 2010 Workshop Series: Connecting Communities & People with Trails
3. MSU Extension – 7 Steps to Build Better Places

Motion by Ferris, second by Dinneen, to approve the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to attend the MSU Extension – 7 Steps to Build Better Places at rate of \$40.00 per person. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Mitchell, to approve check #7016 to and including check #7027 totaling \$ 8,662.39 from the General Fund as well as check #4292 to and including check #4295 totaling \$326.06 from the Fire Fund. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS

SMCAS – on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fire Siren

More discussion regarding the Fire Siren took place. Chief Jesswein indicated that the timer was removed by firefighters while Jesswein was on vacation when the previous clerk was in office. Jesswein's recommendation is to spend \$1,200 to convert the siren to a tornado siren. Mitchell shared that the county does use the siren for a tornado siren currently.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to allow the county to operate the siren as they deem necessary. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Lawn Mowing Bids

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Mitchell opened the lawn mowing bids and were reviewed by the board.

Motion by Mitchell second by Dehring, to accept the bids for J & L Lawncare and Snowplowing for mowing and trimming at the Mud Lake Bog, Township Hall, Fire Station and River Park locations at a cost per contract. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

Adoption of General Fund Budget-Resolution 2010-04

Motion by Dehring second by Mitchell, to approve Resolution #2010-04 Appropriations Act as amended. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

Adoption of Fire Fund Budget

Motion by Mitchell second by Ferris, to adopt the Fire Fund Budget by budget center with proposed revenue and expenditures of \$ 135,378.00. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

Employee Wages

Motion by Mitchell second by Dinneen, to adopt the salary sheet as amended indicating Deputy Treasurer vacation days increase. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

Meeting Dates

Motion by Mitchell second by Dehring, to accept the meeting dates as presented. Voice vote showed all in favor, motion carried (5-0)

Depositories

Motion by Dehring, second by Mitchell to retain Chemical Bank, United Federal Credit Union, Country Heritage Credit Union, Edgewater Bank and Fifth Third Bank for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

SMCAS

Ferris shared that the budget information for SMCAS would be disbursed. Ferris indicated there will be an increase in fees and Tim from SMCAS will be reviewing the proposed budget with the board at a future board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Jesswein shared with everyone that fire fighter Haglund had returned from his tour of duty.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Norma M. Ruggless
Buchanan Township Clerk