

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular April 1, 2010 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Jane Mitchell at 7:01 pm.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Six residents and the Township Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular March 18, 2010 meeting and the Budget Hearing March 18, 2010 were approved as presented.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Berrien County Sheriff's Department Annual Report – on file
2. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission – traffic count

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Ruggless, to approve check #7028 to and including check #7059 totaling \$ 45,251.09 from the General Fund as well as check #4296 to and including check #4325 totaling \$10,090.16 from the Fire Fund. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS

Fire Report

Chief Jesswein presented the fire report. The department is planning a community CPR class and the annual Boaters Safety Course.

Dinneen asked the Fire Chief about taking out the overhanging limb at the boat launch. Chief Jesswein indicated he had not addressed the issue. Mitchell mentioned the limb had been taken care of.

NATS – on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Map

Mitchell presented a revision for the proposed zoning map.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Commission

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Mitchell presented quotes from the Berrien County Road Commission for Burgoyne Road, various Township roads and roads slated to be worked on in 2010. In an effort to cut costs the Road Commission proposed to Mitchell either chloride gravel roads in front of each house and not between homes or doing one ten foot wide sweep of chloride over the entire road. The Road Commission indicated they preferred the second proposal. These options will need to be revisited by the township board after the Road Commission receives their accepted bid gallon price of chloride.

Dehring asked about the landfill paving part of Chamberlain Road. Mitchell indicated and Dinneen supported that the landfill will not be paying for paving of Chamberlain at this time.

Motion by Mitchell second by Ferris, to approve estimated cost of \$5,803.00 for Burgoyne Road .8 miles n/o Glendora Road to pave patch in roadway with hot mix asphalt not using matching funds. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

Motion by Mitchell second by Dinneen, to approve estimated cost of \$8,000.00 for Able Rd., Miller Rd., W. Clear Lake Rd., E. Clear Lake Rd., Andrews Rd., Chamberlain Rd., Chippewa St., Walnut St., River Shores Sub. to repair bad spots with hot mix asphalt per road commission proposal with clarification to avoid double charges. This would not be using matching funds. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

Motion by Mitchell second by Ferris, to approve the Berrien County Road Commission 2010 seal coat proposal. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Norma M. Ruggless
Buchanan Township Clerk