

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
May 20, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Hearing for the SMCAS Budget May 20, 2010 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Dinneen at 6:54 pm.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CHAIR**

In the absence of Supervisor Jane Mitchell, Ruggless appointed Dinneen to serve as chairman for the meeting.

*PUBLIC HEARING – SMCAS Budget and Assessment Rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011*

SMCAS Executive Director Tim Gray was present to discuss the SMCAS Capital Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Gray provided a summary of the proposed capital budget worksheet. He then answered questions from the Board.

Ferris arrives 6:58 pm  
Mitchell arrives 7:15 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for the Public Hearing, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular May 20, 2010 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Jane Mitchell at 7:23 pm.

Members Present: Jane Mitchell, Supervisor; Norma Ruggless, Clerk; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; Lynn Ferris, Trustee and Brian Dinneen, Trustee.  
Members Absent: None.  
Others Present: Two residents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular May 6, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Lake Charter Township New Public Safety Building Open House

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion by Dehring, second by Ruggless, to approve check #7110 to and including check #7120 totaling \$ 10,488.04 from the General Fund as well as check #4342 to and including check #4346 totaling \$584.09 from the Fire Fund. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

**REPORTS**

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Mitchell updated the board on the Landfill boards vote to sell the landfill. Ferris asked if the Landfill boards vote was binding. Mitchell indicated it was. Landfill updates were presented by Dinneen and Mitchell. The board conducted a lengthy discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of selling the landfill in its current state, the risks the Township takes as an owner and the potential special meeting to secure a \$1 million dollar loan from Chemical Bank.

**Motion by Ruggless, second by Dehring, to give direction to the Landfill Board members to not approve of the loan amount of \$1 million from Chemical Bank until a clearer financial picture and proposal can be presented to the board. Roll Call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### *Gould Letter from Township Attorney*

Mitchell brought to the board the letter from the township attorney confirming Gould's proposed Family Child Care Home did not require a special permit from the Township.

**Motion by Dehring, second by Ferris, to approve payment to Joe Kring, ordinance officer, for the payment he gave to M. Kyles as a refund for their special use application. Roll Call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

Mitchell is looking into a letter signed by Lene Mollberg and sent to the Kyles. The validity of the letter is in question.

##### *Zoning Ordinance*

Mitchell sent a copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance to Jay Kilpatrick for review. He will be attending the second meeting in June to review any information with the board. After this meeting the date for the public hearing will be set.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### *Resolution 2010-06 – Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service (SMCAS) Special Assessment*

**Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to approve Resolution # 2010-06, Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service (SMCAS) Special Assessment as presented. 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 9:00 pm.

Norma M. Ruggless  
Buchanan Township Clerk