

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular June 3, 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: Four residents and the Township Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular May 20, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident thanks the staff for their support of the reception held last Thursday for a local cancer patient.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. MTA Summer Evening Planning and Zoning Update

Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to approve any Planning Commission member to attend the MTA Summer Evening Planning and Zoning Update training at rate of \$70.00 per person. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

2. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission-Connecting Non-Motorized Systems

Dehring arrives 7:05 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Ruggless, to approve check #7121 to and including check #7145 totaling \$ 17,422.85 from the General Fund as well as check #4347 to and including check #4355 totaling \$ 2,347.88 from the Fire Fund. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS

Sheriff

The Sheriff Report was presented by Deputy Davis.

Fire

Chief Jesswein presented the fire report. Chief Jesswein requested two trained fire fighters be approved as probationary members for one year.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to approve Dennis Bentley and Joe Korp as probationary members for one year of the Buchanan Township Fire Department. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Chief Jesswein requested use of funds to send Rich Chaney to Juvenile Fire Setters local training.

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Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris to approve Rich Chaney to attend Juvenile Fire Setters training locally at a rate of \$75.00. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

SMCAS – report on file

SEBCL

A special meeting will take place on 6/4/2010 to discuss the loan information for the construction of the new cell. Dinneen indicated the loan would be similar to a construction loan, drawn out when needed, and the funds would not be used for operating expenses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Associated Applications

Discussion took place regarding re-coating of the Township Hall roof. Mitchell will gather more information to bring to the next board meeting.

Memo from Williams & Works

Mitchell presented a memo from Jay Kilpatrick of William & Works regarding recommendations for the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Further discussion will be conducted at the next board meeting on June 17th when Jay will be in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Sign Proposal

The Township received one proposal for repair/replacement of the Township Hall sign.

Motion by Dehring, second by Mitchell, to accept the bid from Gator Grafix Signs for a 3 x 5 sign in the amount of \$425.00. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Berrien County Road Commission – Policy on Borrowing Funds for Primary Roads

The Township received a letter regarding Policy on Borrowing Funds for Primary Roads. A short discussion indicated there was no need to address this as the major roads in the Township were not in need of repairs.

Red Bud Recreation-Fire works Permit

Jesswein provided standards for Fire Works Permit.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to approve the permit for fireworks display for Red Bud Recreation for July 3, 2010. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Police Protection Agreement

As in years past, Buchanan Township has contracted with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department to provide police protection at the Red Bud Motocross Nationals.

Motion by Mitchell, second by Ferris, to authorize payment to the Berrien County Sheriff's Department in the amount of seventeen thousand, seven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$17,725.00) for special police protection services for Red Bud Track and Trail commencing July 1, 2010 through July 3, 2010, pursuant to the Police Protection Agreement dated June 3, 2010 by Buchanan Township,

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upon receipt of that amount from Red Bud Track and Trail. Roll call showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

SMCAS Resolution and County Information-Hazard Mitigation Update Project

The Township received correspondence to begin review of the Hazard Mitigation Update Project. The board will be reviewing the information in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruggless encouraged everyone to support the Buchanan Wrestling Club spaghetti dinner, Friday, June 4th. Ruggless shared that her son, daughter, granddaughter and herself would be participating in the Sunburst Race in South Bend on Saturday, June 5th.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Resident encouraged the board to pass a resolution concerning the SEBCL to conduct a 15 year audit of the landfill and to bring in writing from the DEQ that there will not be a liability to future generations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Norma M. Ruggless
Buchanan Township Clerk