

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The regular June 17, 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; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; and Brian Dinneen, Trustee.

Members Absent: Lynn Ferris, Trustee.

Others Present: Two residents the Township Fire Chief and Jay Kilpartrick from Williams & Works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular June 3, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. MTA-Managing Human Resources and Volunteers in the Township, At Your Service: Meeting Township Needs

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Ruggless, to approve check #7146 to and including check #7154 totaling \$ 23,286.81 from the General Fund as well as check #4356 to and including check #4365 totaling \$ 1,112.89 from the Fire Fund. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

REPORTS

Fire

Mitchell moved, seconded by Dinneen, to adopt resolution # 2009-07 in reference to the Fire Department Grant to enhance Berrien County's Emergency Notification and Fire mobilization system. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval. Motion carried (4-0).

Ruggless will set up two new accounts within the Fire Fund to receive the grant monies into and distribute the money out to the vendors.

Dehring moved, seconded by Dinneen, to adopt resolution # 2009-08 in reference to Berrien County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval. Motion carried (4-0).

Chief Jesswein will be representing the township when he is available.

SEBCL

Mitchell and Dinneen provided an update from the Landfill board. Buchanan City voted not to sign the loan note from Chemical Bank effectively stopping the loan process. Funding for the new cell will need to come from receivables going forward at this point. Mitchell indicated the board is also still working to balance the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance

Jay Kilpatrick of William & Works reviewed the changes to the draft zoning ordinance. He clarified areas of question and recommended the Manufactured Housing group review areas of the ordinance. Jay also recommended a resolution for fee structures and a legal review by the Township attorney. Once these steps have been handled a date for a public hearing will be set.

Association Applications

Mitchell provided additional information regarding when the roof was last coated. Mitchell is waiting to receive more information from Associated Applications to bring to the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

July Board of Review

Ruggless indicated the July Board of Review would be held on July 20th at 5:00 pm which puts the meeting on the date required. No Resolution was needed this year.

Water Sewer Appointment

The appointment of a representative for the Water Sewer Board was tabled until Jane contacts the current representative to better understand their further commitment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesswein indicated he had been approached by Mike Gillette expressing interest in renting the field behind the fire station in future years.

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