

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular January 14, 2016 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Malinda Cole-Crocker at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor; Cathy Ganus, Clerk; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; and Lynn Ferris and Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustees.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Two (2) township residents; one (1) staff; and no members of the press.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by those in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular December 17, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

## **ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

## **BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEM**

None.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Motion by Ganus, second by Ferris, to approve General Fund DD # 149 to and including DD # 162 plus check # 9847 to and including check # 9863 totaling \$19,642.81 as well as Fire Fund DD # 163 to and including DD # 171 plus check # 6010 to and including check # 6023 totaling \$8,570.76. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).**

## **REPORTS**

*Fire Report* – Tim Jesswein – on file

**Motion by Ganus, second by VanAntwerp, to approve the purchase of three sets of turnout gear with costs not to exceed \$6,575. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).**

*Waste Water Treatment Plan Joint Session w/ City of Buchanan Update* – Tom VanAntwerp

City Waste Water infrastructure is nearing the life expectancy in both age and condition. The work session was held to develop a plan to address the issue to ensure the most cost-effective operation. Ganus and VanAntwerp were in attendance. VanAntwerp advised that this topic will be discussed at the Joint Water / Sewer Board meeting in February.

[Dehring arrives at 7:08 p.m.]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolution # 2016-01 – Resolution to Authorize Use of ACH Arrangements and EFT's*

**Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by VanAntwerp, to approve Resolution # 2016-01 – Resolution to Authorize Use of ACH Arrangements and EFT's as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

*Resolution # 2016-02 – Resolution for Acceptance of Payment by Financial Transaction Device*

**Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by VanAntwerp, to approve Resolution # 2016-02 – Resolution for Acceptance of Payment by Financial Transaction Device as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

*SMCAS Representation*

Ganus advised that she has taken an emergent office position with SMCAS as a result of the resignation of two office personnel. She stated that she will be working two days per week at SMCAS and as a result of her employment, she felt that the Board should appoint someone to fulfill her term of office to eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest.

**Motion by VanAntwerp, second by Cole-Crocker, to appoint Lynn Ferris as the SMCAS representative to fulfill the remainder of Cathy Ganus' term. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Buchanan Township Planning Commission Public Hearing – Flatwater Farms SLUP – 01.27.2016
- Berrien County Road Commission Township Annual Meeting – February 24, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Township resident Mario Palmisano questioned where the Board was on the Township building issue regarding education of the public on the options of constructing a new Township Hall or renovating the current building. Nothing further has been done toward this issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Cathy A. Ganus  
Buchanan Township Clerk