

CALL TO ORDER

The February 21, 2017 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor, Malinda Cole-Crocker at 6:30 pm

Members Present: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; Jill Roberts, Clerk; Tom VanAntwerp, Trustee and Lynn Ferris, Trustee

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mario Palmisano of ZBA, Tina Darnell, Sheila Reitz

Those in attendance recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 02, 2017 Buchanan Township Board regular meeting, were approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT-NON AGENDA ITEMS- None

CORRESPONDANCE - None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring and second by Ferris to approve the following checks:

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| GEN Fund Check #10221 through #10231 & DD465 through DD481 | \$19,332.67 |
| FIRE Fund Check #6250 through #6259 & DD482 through DD492 | \$7,425.41 |

Roll call vote showed unanimous approval (5-0)

REPORTS -

JOINT WATER/SEWER - Tom VanAntwerp meeting of February 6, 2017

VanAntwerp stated, all is good, and no issues are reported. VanAntwerp also stated that the City of Buchanan does much work to maintain the systems. VanAntwerp also stated that wastewater assets are aging and will need an approximate investment of eight to nine million dollars in the near future.

SMCAS - Lynn Ferris meeting of February 16, 2017

Ferris states that there is an approximate positive balance of \$116,000.00 on the books. Ferris stated the board is still working on updating the by-laws. Ferris reports, the second of two approved new vehicles, has been leased. Ferris states that Milton Township is interested in becoming a SMCAS owner.

SEBCLA – Malinda Cole-Crocker – meeting of February 16, 2017

Cole-Crocker stated that the new gas wells in cell 6A are still being installed. Installation will be completed in 2-3 more weeks. This will take care of the smell. Construction of Cell 6B cell has been started. Cell 6B is part of phase 6. No additional planning or engineering will be necessary unless Phase 7 is started.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Janet Dehring – meeting of January 25, 2017

Dehring reports that officers were elected. Meetings will be on the 4th Wednesday of the month during January through October. Dehring states that the by-laws will be reviewed at a future meeting.

FIRE REPORT – Tim Jesswein

Jesswein requests the approval to re-hire Richard Pickens to the fire department.

Motion by Ferris and second by Cole-Crocker to approve re-hire of Richard Pickens.

Voice vote showed unanimous approval (5-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2017-07 – Berrien County Road Commission Bridge Fund Resolution

Motion by Cole-Crocker and second by Dehring to approve Resolution 2017-07 as presented

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (5-0)

2. Resolution 2017-08 – Accepting Letters of Protest from Township Residents for March BOR

Motion by Cole-Crocker and second by VanAntwerp to approve Resolution 2017-08 as presented

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (5-0)

3. Resolution 2017-09 – To adopt poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test

Motion by Cole-Crocker and second by VanAntwerp to approve Resolution 2017-09 as presented

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (5)

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

4. Resolution 2017-10 – To adopt alternate meeting dates of the March Board of Review

Motion by Cole-Crocker and second by VanAntwerp to approve Resolution 2017-10 as presented

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (5-0)

5. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission NATS Local Match

Motion by Dehring and second by Ferris to approve Southwest Michigan Planning Commission NATS Local Match invoice in the amount of \$1,603.

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (5-0)

6. Clerks Appointment

The board interviewed township residents Tina Darnell and Sheila Reitz to fill the position of township clerk being vacated by Jill Roberts.

Motion by Cole-Crocker and second by VanAntwerp, to appoint Sheila Reitz as Buchanan Township Clerk for the term ending in 2018. An election will be held in 2018 to elect a Township Clerk.

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (4-0) with Roberts abstaining.

Cole-Crocker recommended to Reitz to retain Lairea McBain as Deputy Clerk. Reitz agreed.

Motion by Cole-Crocker and second by VanAntwerp, to retain Lairea McBain as Buchanan Township Deputy Clerk.

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (4-0) with Roberts abstaining.

Motion by Cole-Crocker and second by Dehring to destroy tally sheets from interviews.

A Roll call vote showed unanimous approval (4-0) with Roberts abstaining

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cole-Crocker reports that the Annual Township Meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

VanAntwerp reports that he will be starting on building security soon.

Dehring reports that if we would like to include a newsletter with the July tax bills the newsletter information needs to be completed by June 1.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS-NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Jill M. Roberts
Buchanan Township Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker
Buchanan Township Supervisor