

CALL TO ORDER

The regular July 20, 2017 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Malinda Cole-Crocker at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor; Sheila Reitz, Clerk; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustee

Members Absent: Lynn Ferris, Trustee

Others Present: Tim Jesswein, Fire Chief BTFD; Mario Palmisano, ZBA; Eileen Glick, Ordinance Officer; 4 residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 6, 2017 regular meeting were approved as amended.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA- None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA ITEMS- None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Reitz to approve General Fund check #10379 through #10388 totaling \$10,462.38 as well as Fire Fund check #6366 through #6369 totaling \$416.24. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with Ferris absent.

REPORTS

SMCAS- S. Reitz

Reitz reported that SMCAS has an excellent financial outlook and response times were at 92%.

SEBCL- M. Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker gave the Board an update on the status of the Landfill and operations.

Fire Report- T. Jesswein, BTFD Fire Chief

Jesswein informed Board members that there are 14 certified firefighters employed with the Buchanan Township Fire Dept. An open house will be held on July 29, 2017, from 11:00 am- 3:00 pm and will be participating in the August 1, 2017, National Night Out at McCoy Creek Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Facility Update- M. Cole-Crocker

Wightman is currently working on their renderings for a possible remodel of the current building and is seeking the Board's input as to what each member might find aesthetically pleasing.

NEW BUSINESS

SMCAS

Brian Scribner reported that SMCAS is working on their funding structure and is headed in a positive financial direction. **Motion by VanAntwerp, second by Reitz to approve the Resolution of Intent to Establish Special Assessment District for Emergency Medical Services through Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with Ferris absent.**

Red Bud Special Land Use Permit and Rezoning

Motion by Reitz, second by Dehring to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with Ferris absent.

Permit Process Changes

All permits submitted to the Township will be handled by the Clerk's office beginning July 25, 2017.

Fire Department Sign

Old sign was damaged due to a vehicle accident. Fire department will receive \$12,600.00 from insurance to be used toward the purchase of a new sign. **Motion by Dehring, second by VanAntwerp to approve \$24,521.17 toward the purchase of a new LED sign from Gator Graphics & Signs contingent upon meeting zoning compliance. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with Ferris absent.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on July 29, 2017 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- NON AGENDA ITEMS

Resident commented that the old hospital building does not appear to be secured at this time.

Mario Palmisano, ZBA commented that there may be a need for the Planning Commission to revise the zoning ordinance for non-conforming parcels.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sheila Reitz
Buchanan Township Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker
Buchanan Township Supervisor