

CALL TO ORDER

The regular August 24, 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 (arrived late); Lynn Ferris, Trustee

Members Absent: Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustee

Others Present: Mario Palmisano, ZBA; Chad Mock, PC Consultants; Mr. & Mrs. Jess Minks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 3 and August 17, 2017 regular meetings were approved.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA- Fire Station Sign added under New Business

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA ITEMS- None

CORRESPONDENCE-

Notification received from Berrien County Drain Commissioner of Public Hearing to Review Drainage District Boundaries and Apportionments scheduled for August 29, 2017 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Notification received from Berrien County Road Commission. On September 21, 2017, they will be hosting a presentation entitled "Communication Service Provider Permits: What you need to Know".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Reitz, second by Ferris to approve General Fund check #10408 through #10427 totaling \$18,779.17 as well as Fire Fund check #6383 through #6394 totaling \$1,652.17. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (3-0) with Dehring and VanAntwerp Absent.

REPORTS

SEBCL- M. Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker gave the Board an update on the status of the Landfill and operations. Tyler Ganus has been appointed the interim General Manager at this time.

SMCAS- L. Ferris

Ferris reported that everything is running as usual. July was a good month. Special Assessment was approved at the Public Hearing on August 17, 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Police Protection Agreement

Motion by Ferris, second by Reitz to approve Police Protection Agreement A1708258 with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department for extra police coverage at Redbud Recreational Track for August 12 event. Notification to be given that the Township Board does not appreciate being notified after said event and in the future may not enter into any agreement that is presented after the fact. Roll call vote taken with the following results:

L. Ferris-	Yes	J. Dehring-	No
M. Cole-Crocker-	Yes	T. VanAntwerp-	Absent
S. Reitz-	Yes	Motion carried (3-0)	

Election Source Equipment Purchase- S. Reitz

Motion by Dehring, second by Ferris to accept the quote from Election Source totaling \$1,217.58 for the purchase of new election equipment and supplies as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with VanAntwerp absent.

Server Quote- PC Consultants

Motion made by Reitz, Second my Cole-Crocker to purchase a server and Basic Service Agreement from PC Consultants as presented totaling \$9,329.95. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with VanAntwerp absent.

Galien Watershed Management Plan

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Dehring to appoint Ferris to server as the Township representative to the Galien Watershed Management Plan. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with VanAntwerp absent.

Deputy Clerk Training- S. Reitz

Motion by Reitz, second by Ferris to send Deputy Clerk Jenna Balos to the Berrien County Clerks Association Clerking Days training and to the MTA On The Road training in Kalamazoo on October 19, 2017. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0) with VanAntwerp absent.

Berrien County Road Commission- Citizen Concern, Jess Minks

Minks presented statistics to the Board regarding the business of the Berrien County Road Commission. He expressed his concern with the idea of the Berrien County Commissioners taking over the duties of the Berrien County Road Commission. He urged the Board to write a letter to the County Commissioners regarding letting the Road Commission do their job.

Buchanan Flag Logo- L. Ferris

Townships have a flag presented at MTA events. As of right now Buchanan Township does not have one. Ferris presented the idea of incorporating the current logo used for Buchanan Township into a flag with the changing of the inscription to say established in 1837. One quote was presented. Mario Palmisano is to provide an additional quote for the flag at the next Board meeting on September 7, 2017.

Fire Station Sign

Cole-Crocker presented an email from the Zoning Officer asking for guidance on how to proceed for the Fire Department Sign and the zoning ordinances that currently apply. Reitz suggested that the Township re-zone the Fire Station from residential. Mario Palmisano, ZBA suggested that it be zoned Municipal. Dehring to ask planner to look into rezoning it back to Municipal before it was changed to R2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wightman's should have the new building and renovations renderings done by September 7, 2017 and should be able to present the ideas at that time.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- NON AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Jess Minks would like to see emergency notice advertised on the new Fire Department sign if possible when one is purchased.

Mario Palmisano respectively asked the Board to reconsider the rezoning and special use permit granted to Redbud Recreational Track. He stated he was never notified of the public hearing on this matter to begin with. He stated his concerns regarding the dust, noise, and light issues for residents. Palmisano asked the Board to look into this further.

Jess Minks suggested that chloride treatment be used at Redbud Track to control dust.

Ferris commented that Nathan from Williams & Works should not “steer” the ZBA board. He should only critique what the ordinance states and not lead the Board in its decisions.

Palmisano also stated that Mud Lake Bog has several rotted or broken boards according to another resident.

Board agreed to address Mud Lake Bog at a future board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sheila Reitz
Buchanan Township Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker
Buchanan Township Supervisor