

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting November 16, 2017
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular November 16, 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, Treasure; Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustee; Lynn Ferris, Trustee

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mario Palmisano, ZBA; Jenna Balos, Deputy Clerk; 1 resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2, 2017 regular meeting were approved.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Added December 7th Meeting and Marijuana Resolution discussion under New Business

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA ITEMS- None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Reitz to approve General Fund check #10505 through #10517 totaling \$6,252.02 as well as Fire Fund check #6442 through #6446 totaling \$591.13. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS

SMCAS- L. Ferris

Ferris stated that there wasn't anything to report as the next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2017.

SEBCL- M. Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker reported that Tyler Ganus was hired as the General Manager of the landfill. Insurance coverage remained the same and was approved for the employees at the landfill. Several trucks are currently hauling leachate from the new cell.

Fire Report- T. Jesswein

Jesswein stated that everything was running smoothly and there are currently 14 members.

Joint Water/Sewer- T. VanAntwerp

VanAntwerp updated the Board on the business of the Joint Water/Sewer Board. Currently Buchanan Waste Water is offering SEBCL a discounted rate on the leachate being hauled in off the new cell as it is mostly water at this time. Discussion regarding the need for developing a special assessment district for township residents who are connected to water and sewer commenced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Inspector Responsibilities- M. Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker presented the notes from the meeting on November 1, 2017, with the building inspector.

Resolution 6-13D (Amended)

Motion by VanAntwerp, second by Ferris to approve Resolution 6-13D, Resolution regarding zoning and planning commission application fees as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Plowing Bids

Two bids were presented. **Motion by VanAntwerp, second by Ferris to accept the bid for the three-year contract from Adam Byrdak for snow plowing the Township Hall and Fire Department facilities parking areas. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

Assistant Fire Chief Retirement

Cole-Crocker read Allen Myers retirement resignation letter to the Board. Myers has served 37 years. **Motion by Dehring, second by Ferris to accept Allen Myers retirement resignation with regret. Voice vote showed unanimous support, motion carried (5-0).**

Christmas Decorations

Dehring inquired as to who was going to decorate the township hall facility for Christmas. Cole-Crocker stated in the past they have paid a resident \$50 to come in and decorate. Reitz asked if this was indeed a lawful expenditure since tax payer money cannot be used to purchase decorations, food, or retirement gifts and wondered if this would fall into the same category. Reitz stated that she felt it was not right to spend tax payer money for paying someone to decorate. Employees could decorate for free if they wanted it done. **Motion by Ferris, second by VanAntwerp to hire someone to decorate the township hall for Christmas with the approval from MTA. Roll call vote passed with majority, motion carried (4-1) with Reitz voting no.**

Marijuana Resolution

Ferris would like the Board to pass a formal resolution opting out. Board members had discussion and decided to not proceed with a resolution at this time. By not addressing the issue the Township is opted out by default.

December 7, 2017 Meeting

Cole-Crocker and Dehring will not be able to attend this meeting. Discussion as to whether or not to reschedule commenced. Board decided that since there would be a quorum the meeting would stand on December 7th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reitz informed Board members that the new email addresses were issued.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- NON AGENDA ITEMS- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Sheila Reitz
Buchanan Township Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker
Buchanan Township Supervisor