

CALL TO ORDER

The November 17, 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-Cocker, Supervisor; Jill Roberts, Clerk; Janet Dehring, Treasurer and Lynn Ferris, Trustee

Members Absent: Tom VanAntwerp

Others Present:

Those in attendance recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 03, 2016 Buchanan Township Board regular meeting were approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT –NONE AGENDA ITEMS –None

CORRESPONDANCE – None

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Dehring and second by Roberts to approve the following checks;

GEN FUND Check #10152 through Check #10159	Totaling \$1,229.35
FIRE FUND Check #6213 through Check #6220	Totaling \$3044.71

A Roll Call vote showed unanimous approval (4-0)

REPORTS

SEBCLA – Malinda Cole-Crocker

Cole Crocker reports, the SEBCLA Board has approved construction of a new cell. Construction estimated at \$3.14 million dollars

SMCAS – Lynn Ferris

Ferris stated that he has nothing to report. Cole-Crocker reported that the Special Assessment of \$20.00 per parcel from each municipality will come to an end in December. The board is in need of new ways to fund the service. Ferris stated that he would like to see the assessment renewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pine tree removal in front of Township Hall

Dehring presented three estimates for removal and stump grinding of dead pine tree and trimming of approximately 15 feet up, on the existing pine tree. Trees are on the North side of the Township Hall.

Kachur Tree Service	\$750.00
The Cutting Edge	\$825.00
Watsons Tree Service	\$950.00

A motion by Dehring and second by Ferris to approve Kachur Tree Service the contract to remove and trim two trees.

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (4-0)

Filing Cabinets

Cole-Crocker presented a quote from Office Max for 9 HON files cabinets, (same as our current cabinet brand)

\$317.99 ea. for legal size
\$354.99 ea. for legal size with lock

A motion by Roberts and second by Ferris to approve the purchase of nine (9) legal size Hon filing cabinets with locks.

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mud Lake Bog

Cole-Crocker and Dehring met with Wendy Jones of Fernwood and Kip Miller, representing Mud Lake Bog. Ms. Jones and Mr. Miller report that an invasive species, called Buckthorn, is destroying the Bog. There was a quote done in 2009 for removal of the Buckthorn in the amount of \$60,000. Cole-Crocker states that a Trust/endowment was created in 2005 in the amount of \$67,000 by the Britton Family Trust for the Mud Lake Bog to be used to support and maintain the Bog with \$7,000 eligible for immediate use. Cole-Crocker stated that it is unknown at this time how, when and if the remaining \$60,000.00 can be used. Cole-Crocker asked the Board if we should contact the Township attorney for assistance in getting these answers. Ferris and Roberts stated they would like to let nature take its course with the bog. Dehring stated she would like Wendy Jones to speak at a board meeting to better explain the extent of invasiveness and possible corrective actions.

NEW BUSINESS Cont.

Christmas Decorations – Brittany McBain

A motion by Cole-Crocker and second by Roberts to pay \$50.00 to Brittany McBain, for decorating the Township Hall for Christmas.

A roll call vote showed unanimous approval (4-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

1. Bertrand Township is having an all you can eat Chili & Hot Dog dinner on Saturday November 19th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
2. Tim Jesswein reports there will be a Buchanan Township Fire Department Food Drive on December 17, 2016 at Lowery's Meat Market in Buchanan, Harding's Market in Buchanan and Martins Supermarket in Niles, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS-NON AGENDA ITEMS -

Dehring states that the SAD and Sewer fund accounts still need to be combined. Dehring stated that she is unsure if the Board needs to have a resolution in order to complete this and she would like to do it before the end of the fiscal year. Roberts will contact Brian Wisneski to answer the questions for this process.

Dehring reported that she had called the City of Buchanan to report the high rate of speed and the uncovered loads of leaves that the City is hauling. A township resident had called and complained.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Jill M. Roberts
Buchanan Township Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker
Buchanan Township Supervisor