

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular November 19, 2015 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-Crocker, Supervisor; Cathy Ganus, Clerk; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; and Lynn Ferris and Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustees.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: One (1) township residents; no staff; and no members of the press.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by those in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular November 5, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

## **ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

## **BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEM**

Township resident Mario Palmisano wanted to clarify a statement he made at the November 18, 2015 Buchanan Township Planning Commission meeting regarding the public hearing notice for the zoning ordinance text amendment regarding docks and mooring facilities.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion by Dehring, second by Ganus, to approve General Fund check # 9816 to and including check # 9829 totaling \$24,438.17 as well as Fire Fund check # 5989 to and including check # 5994 totaling \$1,284.94. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

## **REPORTS**

*Planning Commission Report* – Janet Dehring

Dehring advised that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on a zoning ordinance text amendment regarding docks and mooring facilities. The Planning Commission made a motion to recommend approval of the text amendment with the exception of dock length being 40 feet as opposed to 35 feet. She also stated that current piers would be considered a pre-existing non-conforming use.

*SMCAS Report* – Cathy Ganus

Ganus advised that SMCAS is in the process of contracting for billing services as the current billing clerk has resigned effective December 4, 2015. Ganus went on to report that SMCAS has not been withholding social security and medicare from the employees' wages and this is in the process of being corrected.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Township resident Mario Palmisano commented on the dock at Fuller's Resort and suggested that when the Township Board addresses the zoning ordinance text amendment for docks and mooring facilities that the Township think about whether someone has the frontage perhaps they should be allowed two docks that are 40 feet long instead of 90 feet long as is the case for the current Fuller's Resort piers. He also stated there was some discussion at the Planning Commission meeting regarding riparian rights.

Dehring questioned whether VanAntwerp had any information regarding the financing of the Township Hall building remodel or new construction. VanAntwerp advised that he has not heard from township counsel but would attempt to touch base and hopefully provide information at the next Township Board meeting.

Cole-Crocker provided Board members with a copy of the visioning slides that she received when she attended a recent TGA class. She suggested that the Board review them for discussion at the next meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Cathy A. Ganus  
Buchanan Township Clerk