

**CALL TO ORDER**

The December 15, 2016 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee, Lynn Ferris at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Roberts, Clerk; Janet Dehring, Treasurer, and Lynn Ferris, Trustee

Members Absent: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor and Tom VanAntwerp, Trustee

Others Present: Tim Jesswein, Township Fire Chief

Those in attendance recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 01, 2016 Buchanan Township Board regular meeting were approved as presented.

**ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT -NONE AGENDA ITEMS -**

Mario Palmisano commented that there is ZBA training in Hartford, MI. at the Lawrence Expo Center, scheduled for January 18, 2017. The shared cost for the class is \$1,200.00 . He is not sure at this point of any participation.

**CORRESPONDANCE - None**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion by Dehring and second by Ferris to approve the following checks:**

General Fund Check #10176 through #10185 Totaling \$1,705.75

Fire Fund Check #6228 through #6233 Totaling \$877.89

**Roll call vote showed unanimous approval (3-0)**

**REPORTS - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Township Board Meeting Times

Roberts would like to move meeting times up to 6:30. Ferris wants to table at this time until all of the board members are present to discuss.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS -**

Jesswein has informed the Board that the mother of our previous Township Clerk, Cathy Ganus, Has passed away.

Jesswein reports that the fire department has received a grant of \$4,999.00, from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Volunteer Fire Assistance Program

Jesswein reports that there is a food drive on Sat. Dec, 17, 2016 for R.A.M. Love of Buchanan, at Lowerys, Hardings and Martins in Niles, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS-NON AGENDA ITEMS -**

Dehring reports that a parcel on Bachelor Island was sold, but turned back over to Berrien County by purchaser. The County wants Buchanan Township to decide if it wants to keep the parcel.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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Jill M. Roberts  
Buchanan Township Clerk

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Lynn Ferris  
Buchanan Township Trustee