

CALL TO ORDER

The regular April 12, 2012 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Jane Mitchell at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Jane Mitchell, Supervisor; Cathy Ganus, Clerk; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; and Lynn Ferris and Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustees.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: No township residents, two (2) staff members, and no members of the press.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 22, 2012 regular meeting was approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Deputy Aaron Nannfeldt from the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the Sheriff's Report for the month of February, 2012. During that time, 56 complaints were handled, eight (8) citations were issued, and four (4) arrests were made within Buchanan Township. There have also been 42 arrests made as of March 31, 2012 by the Berrien County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit.

CORRESPONDENCE

*St. Joseph River Basin Commission – 12th Annual Indiana-Michigan SJRB Symposium – May 18, 2012 – Fernwood Michigan Township Participating Plan – Board of Directors Election
Berrien County Clerks Association – Legislative Meeting – St. Joseph Charter Twp. – May 18, 2012 – 9 am – 2pm
Buchanan District Library – Planning for the Community – April 17, 24, or 27*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Ganus, to approve General Fund check # 8083 to and including check # 8112 totaling \$23,124.83 as well as Fire Fund check # 4934 to and including check # 4962 totaling \$24,460.07. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS

Fire Report – Tim Jesswein

Jesswein reported that he and Allen Myers traveled to Haslett, MI to pick up the new generator; however, the generator that was available was not a good fit for the Department. Jesswein will contact the DNR to be placed on the waiting list for another generator.

REPORTS (continued)

Fire Report – Tim Jesswein (continued)

Motion by Ganus, second by Mitchell, to appoint James Hayes and Tim Gowen as probationary firefighters for a one-year period. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Jesswein stated probationary firefighter Jason Reilly has decided to step down effective April 1, 2012 as he is no longer residing in the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Transient Activities & Business Ordinance

Discussion ensued regarding this ordinance. General consensus is there is no need for this type of ordinance at this time.

Deputy Clerk Computer Purchase

Motion by Mitchell, second by VanAntwerp, to approve the purchase of a Dell OptiPlex desktop computer from 2nd Look Laptops for the deputy clerk with costs not to exceed \$1,000. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Buchanan Township Fire Fighters will be holding an All-You-Can-Eat Fish fry event on April 14, 2012.

The Buchanan Township Planning Commission will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm to discuss the request submitted by Life Action Ministries regarding a small amendment to their SLUP.

The Southeast Berrien County Landfill is holding a free Household Hazardous Waste disposal, electronics recycling, and certified document destruction event on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 8 am to 12 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Cathy A. Ganus
Buchanan Township Clerk