

CALL TO ORDER

The regular July 10, 2014 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Jane Mitchell at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Lynn Ferris, Trustee.

Others Present: Three (3) township residents; three (3) staff; and no members of the press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was led by Fire Chief Tim Jesswein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 19, 2014 regular meeting was approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Berrien County Drain Commission Opportunity Statement Update

Mitchell advised that she made contact with the Berrien County Drain Commission office regarding the Clear Lake Drain # 738 project. The Township at-large share amounted to \$42,000 (6% of the total cost of the project). The project is being funded by a ten (10) year note. The Drain Commission is providing the Township as well as the affected property owners the opportunity to pre-pay this amount to avoid interest. The interest rate was not disclosed in the letter from the Drain Commissioner; however, Mitchell reported that the approximate interest rate is three percent (3%). Mitchell also stated the Township would have the option of paying the amount off at any time.

Motion by VanAntwerp, second by Mitchell, to choose the payment plan for the Clear Lake Drain # 738 project which amounts to \$42,000 plus interest; however, upon review of the 2015-2016 budget cycle the Township shall pay the remaining balance in full. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Ganus, to approve General Fund check # 9182 to and including check # 9211 totaling \$37,720.57 as well as Fire Fund check # 5588 to and including check # 5618 totaling \$14,528.55. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

REPORTS

Fire Report – Tim Jesswein – on file

REPORTS (continued)

SMCAS Report – Cathy Ganus – on file

Ganus updated the Board regarding the SMCAS Articles of Incorporation. Niles City has decided not to approve the Articles as presented and have requested that additional verbiage be added to the Articles. This will be brought back before the SMCAS Board at their July 17, 2014 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wheatberry Tavern Sewer Proposal Update

Mitchell updated the Board on the status of the Wheatberry Tavern Sewer proposal. The Township Planner has stated that this matter does not require Planning Commission action; however, suggested that the Township Board should consider that the Buchanan Township Master Plan reflects growth in this area in the future so the Board should consider making this a public system. General consensus of the Board is that the system should be private.

Red Bud Track Complaint Update

Mitchell advised that she had spoken with Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey regarding the traffic complaint along N. Red Bud Trail near the entrance to the Red Bud Track and Trail. Mitchell advised she traveled the road at noon both on Miller Road as well as Main Street and Red Bud Trail and things appeared to be clear.

NEW BUSINESS

Asphalt Sealing Quotation

Quotations were provided by Arnt Asphalt Sealing, Inc. and Shembarger Asphalt Sealing, Inc. for the sealing of the parking lots for both the Fire Department and the Township Hall. The Township Hall was last sealed and striped in July, 2011 and the Fire Department was last sealed and striped in July, 2009. Due to the harsh winter, there are numerous cracks in the parking lots.

Motion by Ganus, second by VanAntwerp, to approve the proposal provided by Shembarger Asphalt Sealing, Inc. as presented for the sealing of the Township Hall to include the Diamond Shield Option at a total cost of \$706. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Ganus, second by Mitchell, to approve the proposal provided by Shembarger Asphalt Sealing, Inc. as presented for the sealing of the Fire Department to include the Diamond Shield Option at a total cost of \$1,892. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Buchanan Township Planning Commission – July 23, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
- Buchanan Township Firefighters Fish Fry – August 2, 2014 – 3:00-8:00 p.m.
- Buchanan's National Night Out Against Crime – August 5, 2015 – McCoy Creek Park

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Mario Palmisano commented on the traffic situation in and around the Red Bud Track and Trail during the Motocross Nationals event over the July 4th weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Cathy A. Ganus
Buchanan Township Clerk