

CALL TO ORDER

The regular October 3, 2013 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, Trustee.

Members Absent: Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustee.

Others Present: Three (3) township residents, one (1) 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 September 19, 2013 meeting was approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Boat Dock Removal was added under New Business.

SHERIFF'S REPORT - AUGUST, 2013

Deputy Chad Frantz of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the August, 2013 Sheriff's Report. During that time, 45 complaints were handled, five (5) tickets were issued, and two (2) arrests were made within the Township. As of September 30, 2013, the Berrien County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Unit has made 107 arrests for drug offenses within Berrien County. Deputy Frantz answered questions from the Board as well as the audience.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

MTA Seminars - Frankenmuth, MI - October 29-30, 2013

MTA Annual Educational Conference - January 28-31, 2014 - Grand Traverse Resort

Motion by Mitchell, second by Ganus, to approve the registration, room and board, and mileage reimbursement for any Township Board member's attendance to the Michigan Townships Association's Annual Educational Conference to be held January 28-31, 2014 at the Grand Traverse Resort near Traverse City. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Ganus, to approve General Fund check # 8849 to and including check # 8873 totaling \$17,687.59 as well as Fire Fund check # 5373 to and including check # 5398 totaling \$6,842.43. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

REPORTS

Fire Report – Tim Jesswein

Fire Department Drywell Installation

The Buchanan Township Fire Department has been granted a Michigan Groundwater Discharge Permit (Permit # GW1110662) for the discharge of wastewater (vehicle wash water with additives) to the ground. The Water Resources Division of the State of Michigan has classified this permit as an A-1a special classification. The next step is the installation of a drywell at the Fire Department. Three bids were received.

Motion by Ganus, second by Ferris, to approve the quotation provided by Bever Excavating in the amount of \$1,600 for the installation of a drywell at the Fire Station. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Trick or Treat Hours

Trick or Treat hours for the Township shall be on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 6-7:30 pm.

Boat Dock Removal – Madron Lake Boat Dock

Motion by Dehring, second by Mitchell, to approve the removal of the Madron Lake boat dock by Mike Payne Sand & Gravel at a cost not to exceed \$150. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Buchanan Township Firefighters Fish Fry October 5, 2013
- First Presbyterian Church Salad Casserole Luncheon – Thursday, October 17, 2013 – 11:00 am 1:00pm

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Stephen Smith, an attorney in St. Joseph, was present to introduce himself as he is running for Berrien County District Court judge in 2014.

Township resident Roger Warner inquired as to how a reduced speed limit sign could be installed on E. Riverside Road as there are speeders in this area and he is concerned for the safety of the residents in this area. Mitchell advised she would contact the Berrien County Road Commission and possibly a cautionary sign could be installed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Cathy A. Ganus
Buchanan Township Clerk