

CALL TO ORDER

The regular November 20, 2014 meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Malinda Cole-Crocker at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Malinda Cole-Crocker, 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 November 6, 2014 regular meeting was approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Michigan Townships Association – Annual Educational Conference – Grand Rapids, MI January 27-30, 2015

Motion by Ganus, second by Cole-Crocker, to allow any Township Board member to attend the Michigan Townships Association Annual Educational Conference at the Amway Grand/Devos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 27-30, 2015 to include the payment of conference fees, room and board, and meal and mileage reimbursement. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Dehring, second by Ganus, to approve General Fund check # 9388 to and including check # 9403 totaling \$2,354.84 as well as Fire Fund check # 5711 to and including check # 5717 totaling \$1,042.04. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

REPORTS

Fire Report – Tim Jesswein

Motion by Ganus, second by Dehring, to approve the purchase of a vacuum for the Fire Department with costs not to exceed \$200. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

REPORTS (continued)

SEBCL Report – Mindy Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker reported the Landfill Board has approved the purchase of a used tanker to haul leachate, new pumps to pump leachate to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and new digital radios. Cole-Crocker went on to state that the Landfill has also approved a new package of health, life, short term disability, dental, and vision insurance for employees. The Landfill pays 80 % of these premiums.

SMCAS Report – Cathy Ganus – on file

Ganus reported that SMCAS is currently undergoing an audit and preliminary results suggest that SMCAS will realize a net loss for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The loss is a result of accumulated depreciation being expensed improperly.

Ganus also reported that SMCAS is currently experiencing a cash flow shortage and SMCAS Board members have requested that each owner-municipality forward SMCAS assessments as soon as possible.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unsafe Structures Update

Ganus provided an Excel spreadsheet with updated comments regarding the listing of unsafe structures within Buchanan Township; discussion ensued. The general consensus of the Board is to table this item to allow Township Building Inspector Chris Fuchs to attend the December 4, 2014 Township Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Hall Christmas Decorations

Motion by Ganus, second by Dehring, to allow Brittany McBain to decorate the Township Hall for Christmas as well as remove the decorations after the holidays as a cost of \$50.00. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

Rynearson Road Booster Station – Jockey Pump Repair

Cole-Crocker had been contacted by the City of Buchanan regarding the jockey pump at the Rynearson Road booster station being inoperable as well as issues with pump # 1. Discussion ensued with the general consensus of the Board requesting an itemized listing from Peerless-Midwest as to the work that has been completed as well as an explanation as to why pump # 1 isn't working as there was no mention in the Peerless Midwest email regarding pump # 1 being affected.

Planning Commission Appointment

Motion by Dehring, second by Cole-Crocker, to appoint Gerald DiPietro to the Buchanan Township Planning Commission to replace Tim Gray with term expiring March 12, 2015. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2014 Winter Tax Bills will be sent on December 1, 2014.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Cathy A. Ganus
Buchanan Township Clerk