

CALL TO ORDER

The regular September 19, 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; and Lynn Ferris and Thomas VanAntwerp, Trustees.

Members Absent: Janet Dehring, Treasurer.

Others Present: One (1) township resident, no 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 5, 2013 meeting was approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

MATS Fall Education Conference – October 23-25, 2013 – Treetops Resort, Gaylord, MI

Motion by Ganus, second by Ferris, to approve Jane Mitchell's attendance to the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors (MATS) Fall Conference to be held on October 23-25, 2013 at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Michigan at a cost of \$275 plus membership fees, mileage reimbursement, and room and board. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Ganus, second by Mitchell, to approve General Fund check # 8841 to and including check # 8848 totaling \$32,545.58 as well as Fire Fund check # 5363 to and including check # 5372 totaling \$3,565.38. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

REPORTS

SMCAS Report – Lynn Ferris – on file

SEBCL Report – Cathy Ganus – on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unsafe Structures – Chris Fuchs

Fuchs presented an outline of the process for demolition of unsafe structures within the Township. He explained the testing process for mitigation of asbestos as well as the bid-letting process. Board discussion ensued with general consensus being that Ordinance Enforcement Officer Joe Kring and/or Building Official Chris Fuchs will send letters to all property owners of structures deemed unsafe advising there are safety concerns and requesting a remediation response.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 5-2013 – Winery, Brewery, & Distillery – AG District

ZOA # 5-2013 is an ordinance to amend section 2.02, W. to add a definition for winery, brewery or distillery; to amend section 4.03 to list winery, brewery or distillery as a permitted special use in the AG district; and to amend section 18.07 to regulate such uses.

Motion by VanAntwerp, second by Mitchell, to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 5-2013 as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Buchanan Township Firefighters Fish Fry October 5, 2013

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Cathy A. Ganus
Buchanan Township Clerk