

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting October 3, 2019
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular October 3, 2019, meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor, Malinda Cole-Crocker at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor; Sheila Reitz, Clerk; Brad Huebner, Trustee; Lynn Ferris, Trustee;
Rachel Plank, Treasurer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jenna Balos, Deputy Clerk; Ramona Balos, Custodian; 4 residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 19, 2019, regular meeting were approved as amended.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA- Addition of Sheriff Report

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Plank, second by Ferris to approve General Fund checks #11161-11173 totaling \$103,442.38, and Fire Fund checks #6858-6866 totaling \$1,424.40. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS-

Sheriff Report- Deputy A. Baggett
Report on file

NATS- L. Ferris

Ferris reported that the NATS staff does a great job. Report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Food Pantry

Motion by Ferris, second by Huebner to allow Girl Scout food pantry receptacle to be placed on the Township parcel for a trial period of six months. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferris, Huebner, Cole-Crocker, Plank, Reitz

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously

Ordinance No. 116-2019 Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments

Ferris stated he was concerned about the possible smell from grow operations. Huebner stated he thought the State would regulate that. Plank stated she felt this was a property right issue and government should not have the right to tell individuals what they can or cannot do on their property. Reitz stated that in the November 2018 General Election Buchanan Township voters voted down recreational marijuana. She also stated that she would honor the residents' decision of that vote.

Motion by Reitz, second by Ferris to approve Ordinance No. 116-2019 Prohibiting Recreational Marihuana Establishments in Buchanan Township. Half way through the vote after Cole-Crocker abstained discussion resumed as to whether or not Cole-Crocker had a legal right to abstain. Huebner asked Cole-Crocker if someone offered \$5 million for her property that is zoned industrial would she take it. Cole-Crocker stated that if someone were to offer her a million dollars for her property that is zoned industrial, she would consider taking it and therefore she felt there was a conflict of interest. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reitz, Ferris

Nays: Plank, Huebner

Abstain: Cole-Crocker

Motion ended in a tie vote; Board failed to take action

NEW BUSINESS

Firefighter Approval

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Plank to hire Dominic Manly as a probationary firefighter for one year. Voice vote showed unanimous approval; motion carried (5-0).

Fire Department Van Sale

Motion by Huebner, second by Ferris to approve the sale of the fire department van for \$9,000.00 with the check made payable to Buchanan Township Fire Department as requested by Fire Chief per email to Supervisor. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Huebner, Cole-Crocker, Plank, Reitz, Ferris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously

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*Building Department Permits
Maintenance Repair Permit*

Motion by Ferris, second by Huebner to approve the Maintenance Repair Permit with the amendment of changing Oronoko Charter Township to Township of Buchanan. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferris, Huebner

Nays: Cole-Crocker, Plank, Reitz

Abstain: None

Motion failed (2-3); permit not to be used.

Demo Permit

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve the Demo permit with amendment to add no fee to the permit fee line. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Plank, Reitz, Ferris, Huebner, Cole-Crocker

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously

Plumbing Application

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve the Plumbing Permit with the amendment that a signature line be added for the homeowner affidavit. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reitz, Ferris, Huebner, Cole-Crocker, Plank

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously

New Application for Building Permit

Motion by Plank to approve the new application for a building permit with the amendment to remove references to Oronoko Charter Township and without the Homeowner Building Permit Policy attached. No second for motion. Motion by Ferris second by Huebner to amend original motion to include the Homeowner Building Permit Policy. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Ferris, Huebner, Cole-Crocker

Nays: Plank, Reitz

Abstain: None

Motion carried by majority (3-2)

Old Building Permit Application

Motion by Plank, second by Cole-Crocker to discontinue using the old building permit application. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Huebner, Cole-Crocker, Plank, Ferris

Nays: Reitz

Abstain: None

Motion carried by majority (4-1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Fish Fry is scheduled for October 19. Reitz informed Board she has obtained her international clerk designation and is now an internationally certified municipal clerk. Reitz also informed Board and the public that the updated forms for candidates are available in her office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Sheila Reitz, Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor