

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting March 5, 2020
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular March 5, 2020, 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; Rachel Plank, Treasurer; Lynn Ferris, Trustee; Brad Huebner, Trustee

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J. Balos, Deputy Clerk; R. Balos, Custodian; Kris Martin, SWMI Planning Commission; 2 Representatives from Friends of McCoy Creek; 4 Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 20, 2020, regular meeting were approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA- Added Reports: Sherriff's Report

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve General Fund checks #11300-11313 totaling \$72,849.98 along with the General Fund Labor Distribution and Fire Fund checks #6948-6965 totaling \$5,805.71 along with Fire Fund Labor Distribution. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

REPORTS-

Sheriff Report- Deputy J. Frucci

Report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS

County Commissioner- Mac Elliott

Mac Elliott updated the Board on the recent meetings held at Berrien County regarding the 2nd amendment. County conclusion was that they supported the Bill of Rights. Elliott also informed the Board of the many changes in personnel that is happening at Berrien County due to retirements and others accepting different positions.

SWMI Planning Commission- Kris Martin

Kris Martin from the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission gave a presentation on a proposed McCoy Creek Trail expansion that would run through Buchanan Township along Walton Road. Mack Green, a representative with Wightman & Associates, presented potential funding options for the project. Friends of McCoy Creek Trail asked the Board for a letter of support for the project. **Motion by Huebner, second by Ferris to submit a letter of support for the proposed extension of McCoy Creek Trail. Voice vote showed unanimous support, motion carried (5-0).**

Resolution #2020-09 Over/Under \$5.00

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve Resolution #2020-09 Resolution to Accept Tax Payments Collected in an Amount Over/Under \$5.00. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Plank

Nays: Huebner, Reitz, Ferris, Cole-Crocker

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Failed (4-0)

Resolution 2020-10 Resolution to collect 3% Late Penalty on Tax Collections

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve Resolution 2020-10 To Impose a 3% Late Penalty on Property Tax Collections. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Cole-Crocker, Reitz, Plank, Huebner

Nays: Ferris

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Reitz announced that the Township would be receiving a 50% reimbursement for the purchase of the AVCB tabulator that was purchased. Reitz updated Board on election information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Sheila Reitz, Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor