

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting September 3, 2020
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular September 3, 2020, meeting of the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor, Malinda Cole-Crocker at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J. Mattner, Deputy Clerk; Tom Gordon; Two residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 13, 2020, regular meeting were approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA- Moved Joint Water/Sewer Board report to top of the agenda; Additions to Unfinished Business: Ongoing court case with Martin

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident stated he was not happy with the road repair on Main Street. He feels it is worse than it originally was.

CORRESPONDENCE- *Letter from Gregory Hines – Cole-Crocker*

A letter was presented by Malinda Cole-Crocker that was written by Gregory Hines to the Berrien County Road Department regarding the poor road conditions on Able Road. This also included the response from the Road Department. It was decided that Malinda Cole-Crocker would write a letter to Jason Lantham from the Berrien County Road Department regarding his response to our resident.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner, to approve General Fund checks #11490-11508 totaling \$111,445.65, along with the General Fund Labor Distribution, Fire Fund checks #7068-7080 totaling \$79,498.29, along with the Fire Fund Labor Distribution. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

REPORTS-

Joint Water/Sewer Board - Reitz

Tom Gordon presented proposal for Crescent View Lift Station Repairs. **Motion by Ferris, second by Huebner, to make repairs totaling \$6,461.00. Roll call vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Fire Report -Report on File

Sheriff Report- Report on File

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Demolition of old Township Hall – Cole-Crocker

Asbestos has been removed. Contractor has filed paperwork with the State. Demolition could be started as early as the week of 09.07.2020.

Court case 4364 E. Lake Chapin Road – Plank

Courts ruled for us to work together. Six-week deadline is up next week then we will revisit with the courts. Asking attorney if we can recoup any fees.

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NEW BUSINESS

Delinquent Tax Properties – Plank

There are 2 delinquent properties in the Township. We are letting the Treasurer know that the Township does not want them.

Letter of support for DNR acquisition – Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker drafted letter in support for DNR acquisition. Executive office postponed until March or April. Cole-Crocker will revisit next year.

Farmland Preservation and Open Space Application – Reitz

Motion by Huebner, second by Ferris, to approve Farmland Preservation and Open Space Application. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0)

Flag – Reitz

Resident questioned why we do not have the flag up at the Township Hall. Reitz asked board to help raise and lower flag until lights can be installed so flag can stay up at all times.

Township Sign – Reitz

Cole-Crocker to get a quote from Pam's Signs for a new Township Sign due to the old one in disrepair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Cole-Crocker mentioned we will talk about Speed Study Request at next meeting. Cole-Crocker mentioned that the Local Tap Funding is no longer available for the Bridge Project. Reitz gave an Election update. We have received 888 1A and 38 1B AV Applications. Reitz mentioned she is now the Secretary on the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Jodi Mattner, Deputy Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor