

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting November 15, 2018
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular November 15, 2018, 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; Janet Dehring, Treasurer; Sheila Reitz, Clerk; Brad Huebner, Trustee; Lynn Ferris, Trustee

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tim Jesswein, Fire Chief; Jenna Balos, Deputy Clerk; Ramona Balos, Custodian; Mario Palmisano, ZBA; 1 resident;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 1, 2018 regular meeting were approved as amended.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA- Fire Report added; Sheriff report submitted via correspondence

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT-

CORRESPONDENCE- Sheriff report received. Report on file. Email submitted by Jarred Reitz requesting a light be purchased to light the flagpole.
Motion by Huebner, second by Ferris to purchase an LTE 60 LED Solar Light. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Dehring, second by Reitz to approve General Fund expenditures totaling \$6,139.43 and Fire Fund expenditures totaling \$946.03. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS

Fire Report- T. Jesswein

Report on file.

Joint Water/Sewer Report- S. Reitz

Report on file.

SMCAS Report- J. Dehring

Dehring reported that SMCAS approved the purchase of 3 Lucas 3.0 compression machines not to exceed \$31,000. Huebner stated it was hard to believe that there is no ambulance in Buchanan since SMCAS no longer stations one at the Fire Department or Township Hall parking lots. Dehring stated the Director of SMCAS explained that it was not cost effective to have one stationed in Buchanan. Huebner asked Dehring to get a report for the on-time percentages for Buchanan Township and how many minutes constitutes on time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mud Lake Bog- M. Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker reported that attorney stated that only the interest generated from the trust can be used for maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

SEBCLA Appointments

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Dehring to appoint Malinda Cole-Crocker and Sheila Reitz to be the Township representatives to the SEBCLA Board of Directors for a term ending November 15, 2020. Voice vote showed unanimous support, motion carried (5-0).

Board of Review Appointments

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Dehring to reappoint Scott Albright, Maryellen Schutze, and Ann Knapick (Alternate), and to appoint Fran Terry, to the Board of Review with terms ending November 15, 2020. Voice Vote showed unanimous support, motion carried (5-0).

Marihuana Establishments

Cole-Crocker stated that if the Township Board didn't want to allow any marijuana establishments in the township, the Board would need to pass an ordinance to opt out. Reitz presented an article in the Berrien County Record that stated the municipalities that choose to opt out of allowing any marijuana establishments would not receive any tax revenue generated by the State from marijuana establishments. Discussion followed. The Board agreed to do further research.

Election Update- S. Reitz

Reitz informed Board members of election day happenings. Township had record turnout of 48%. County has stated we need to be out of our current polling location. Election Commission will be meeting on November 27, 2018, to discuss the possibility of new election equipment (laptops, additional tabulator, etc.) and to discuss precinct size and location. Election Commission will present Board with recommendations at a future meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Sheila Reitz, Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor