

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting April 18, 2019
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular April 18, 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; Janet Dehring, Treasurer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: State Representative Brad Paquette; Mario Palmisano, ZBA; Tim Jesswein, Fire Chief; Gerald DiPietro, PC; Jenna Balos, Deputy Clerk; Ramona Balos, Custodian; Rachel Plank, Administrative Assistant; Kevin Barker, Architect; Scott Albright, PC; Nancy Williams, Assessor; 10 residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 21, 2019, regular meeting were approved.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA- None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – None

INTRODUCTION- State Representative Brad Paquette introduced himself and addressed the residents. He presented Janet Dehring, Treasurer a Certificate of Appreciation and a Michigan Flag for her 22 years of service.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Dehring, second by Huebner to approve General Fund checks #10991-11011 totaling \$16,044.68 along with General Fund Direct Deposits totaling \$13,247.98 and Fire Fund checks #6744-6775 totaling \$18,631.26 along with Fire Fund Direct Deposits totaling \$5,152.09. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REPORTS-

NATS- L. Ferris

Ferris stated that not much was going on for Buchanan Township. NATS is basically the planning and study for the Niles Area Transportation Study. The rating study showed the conditions of Buchanan Township roads to be poor, inline with most of Michigan.

SEBCLA- M. Cole-Crocker

Cole-Crocker stated that the SBR is running and the landfill is looking for ways to run it more efficiently. Report on file.

SMCAS- J. Dehring

Dehring informed Board that SMCAS has ordered the new ambulance. Report on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Building Facility Update-

Motion by Ferris, second by Reitz to accept the bid totaling \$1,197,280.00 as presented from RMC Quality Construction for the construction of the new Buchanan Township Hall facility. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of New Election Equipment

Motion by Reitz, second by Ferris to approve the purchase of a new tabulator from Dominion Voting ICP Quote totaling \$5,295.00 plus shipping and the purchase of three Acer laptops at \$549.99 apiece. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

PC Consultants, Inc. Quotes

Motion by Reitz, second by Huebner to approve PC Consultants quote #2298 & 2299 as presented for wiring of the new Township Hall facility. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

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Core Bore LLC Quote

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Reitz to approve Quote Q14-1902 totaling \$36,855.37 from Core Bore LLC to connect the new Township Hall facility to the City of Buchanan's sewer system. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

House on South Redbud Trail

Cole-Crocker shared document from the City of Buchanan's Commissioner meeting that stated this property is located in the Township of Buchanan and is unsightly. City residents have been calling the City to complain. The Township Building Inspector is sending notice to the homeowner and will be collecting quotes for the price of demolition.

Firework Permit for Redbud Track and Trail

Motion by Reitz, second by Ferris to approve the firework permit as presented for July 5th & 6th for Redbud Track and Trail. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Berrien County Road Department Agreement

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Reitz to approve the Berrien County Road Department Agreement totaling \$39,696.00 as the Township's portion as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #2019-13 Township Investment and Depository Designation

Motion by Reitz, second by Huebner to approve Resolution #2019-13 Township Investment and Depository Designation. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #2019-14 Bank Signature Updates

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Reitz to approve Resolution #2019-14 Bank Signature Updates. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #2019-15 MTA Nonpartisan Resolution

Motion by Huebner, second by Ferris to show that the Township of Buchanan is on record in opposition to legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot. Roll call vote showed majority support, motion carried (4-1) with Dehring voting no.

Acknowledgment of Treasurer's Resignation

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Ferris to accept Treasurer's resignation with regrets and thanks. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Appointment of Treasurer

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Reitz to appoint Rachel Plank as the new Treasurer for the Township of Buchanan. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0-1) with Dehring abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Fish Fry is scheduled for May 4, 2019, from 3:00-8:00 pm. On April 30, 2019, the Fire Department will be conducting hose testing and everyone is invited to come watch.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Sheila Reitz, Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor