

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting May 20, 2021
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular May 20, 2021, 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; Wendi Heyliger, Clerk; Rachel Plank, Treasurer; Lynn Ferris, Trustee; Brad Huebner, Trustee

Members Absent:

Others Present: Gerald DiPietro, Deputy Treasurer; Mike Balos, Jerie Crouch, Sidney Finan and Maxwell Eichberg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 15, 2021, regular meeting were approved as presented.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA -

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Balos stated covered walkways would be nice in downtown Buchanan.

CORRESPONDENCE-

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner, to approve General Fund checks #11736-11765 totaling \$15,573.16 and Fire Fund checks #7201-7220 totaling \$17,881.39 and Mud Lake Bog Fund check #1175 totaling \$60.00. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

REPORTS-

Sheriff's Report – Report on File

Joint Water/Sewer Report – Report on File

Planning Commission Report – Report on File

Fire Report – Report on File

SEBCLA Report – Report on File

SMCAS – Report on File

Zoning Board of Appeals – Report on File

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Jerry Flenar – McCoy Creek Trail – Cole-Crocker

Motion by Ferris, second by Heyliger to approve letter of intent to donate a total of \$5,000.00 over the next 3 years to the McCoy Creek Trail expansion project. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Property Maintenance Code Ordinance 122-2021 – Cole-Crocker

Motion by Plank, second by Cole-Crocker to approve Property Maintenance Code Ordinance 122-2021. To be enforced by Building and Zoning Officials for reasonable complaints. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Cole-Crocker, Heyliger, Ferris, Huebner

Nays: Plank

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried (4-1)

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Planning Commission – Cole-Crocker

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Huebner to approve appointments of Gerald DiPietro, Kim Scarpone and Scott Albright to Planning Commission. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals – Cole-Crocker

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Huebner to approve appointments of Craig Crocker, Daniel Lakin and Stephanie Powers to Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Road Agreement – Cole-Crocker

Motion by Huebner, second by Plank to approve the agreement with Berrien County Road Department matched funding totaling \$36,233.84 for work scheduled in the township in 2021. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Mud Lake Bog – Cole-Crocker

Mud Lake Bog- antiquated proposed rules located, updated rules presented by Plank.

Motion by Huebner, second by Plank to approve newly presented rules as written.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Joint Water/Sewer Board Appointment – Plank

Motion by Huebner, second by Cole-Crocker to reappoint Rachel Plank to Joint Water/Sewer Board.

Roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Police Protection Agreement – Cole-Crocker

Motion by Ferris, second by Huebner to approve Police Protection Agreement for July 4th, 2021 event for Red Bud Track and Trail. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Winery Special Land Use – Plank

Motion by Plank, second by Heyliger to accept proposed Special Land Use request for a winery permit.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

New Fire Fighter Hire

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve new hire of Fire Fighter Nicholas Bailey.

Roll call vote showed unanimous approval.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

ADJOURNMENT

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