

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting September 16, 2021
Held at Buchanan Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular September 16, 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

Members Absent: Brad Huebner, Trustee

Others Present: Mike Balos, Jeri Crouch, Heather Grace, Buchanan City Manager; Tim Jesswein, Buchanan Township Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 02, 2021, regular meeting stand approved.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA – Moved Heather Grace, Buchanan City Manager with Joint Recreation Plan to top of agenda.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – Mike Balos – Berrien County Road Department needs to be notified about shoulders of roads washing out and asphalt exposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Recreation Plan – City Manager Heather Grace presented an invitation to partner with the City of Buchanan in their Joint Recreation Plan. She outlined the benefits and discussed ideas and plans. There will be an Advisory Board that will recommend actions to both the City and Township. A total of seven members makes up the board. Two seats are available, the remainder of the seats are filled – (1) – Township of Buchanan and – (4) – City of Buchanan. Heyliger and Plank expressed interest in serving in the two empty seats.

Motion by Plank, second by Ferris to accept invitation to join City of Buchanan with joint 5-year recreation plan at a cost of \$366.00 and to appoint Heyliger and Plank to the empty positions on the Advisory Board.

Ayes: Cole-Crocker, Plank, Heyliger, Ferris

Nays: None

Absent: Huebner

Abstains: None

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

CORRESPONDENCE- Letter from Robert Krauss was read regarding Road Department issue with Wagner Road and road conditions.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Plank, second by Heyliger to approve General Fund checks #11864-11867 totaling \$785.37 and Fire Fund checks #7276-7283 totaling \$1,485.99.

Ayes: Cole-Crocker, Plank, Heyliger, Ferris

Nays: None

Absent: Huebner

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

REPORTS-

Fire Department – Jesswein verbally updated that the ISO rating review is scheduled for October 10, 2021, for the Fire Department
SEBCLA Report – Report on File

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wireless Communications Towers Ordinance 123-2021

Motion by Plank, second by Ferris to approved Ordinance 123-2021 – Wireless Communication Tower Ordinance, as presented.

Voice vote showed unanimous approval.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

R-4L Lakefront Residential District and R4R Riverfront Residential District Ordinance 124-2021

Plank presented recommendation from Planning Commission. Discussion of details. Tabled until we can ask Zoning Officer Eileen Glick more specific questions about the specifics of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Berrien County Broadband/Internet Task Force

In our Township, 76% of our residents are under served or not served. Cole-Crocker will be invited to meeting for update and will share meeting details for other board members to attend.

Announcements

Chief Jesswein stated that the Buchanan Township Fire Department Fish Fry will take place on October 16, 2021, beginning at 3p.m. until gone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Wendi Heyliger, Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor