

CALL TO ORDER

The regular November 18, 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: None

Others Present: Tyler Ganus, Mike Balos, Jerie Crouch, Mark Heyliger, Tom Gordon, Tim Jesswein

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 21, 2021, regular meeting approved as amended.

- **ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA** – Moved Resolution #2021-16 Supporting Expansion of Landfill Operations after Treasurer’s report. Added Sign/Billboard on Red Bud Trail. Check #11922 for \$12.00 voided, bringing total General Fund bills to \$198,745.95. SMCAS Report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT – Mike Balos inquired about road work being done on Madron Lake Road.

CORRESPONDENCE-

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve General Fund checks #11902-11928 totaling \$198,745.95 and Fire Fund checks #7300-7315 totaling \$5,085.91 and Mud Lake Bog check #1180 totaling \$60.00

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

REPORTS-

- Sheriff’s Report – on file
- Buchanan Area Recreation Board – Plank
- Joint Water/Sewer Board Report – Gordon
- Planning Commission Report – Plank
- Berrien County Treasurer’s Association – Plank
- SEBCLA – Ganus
- Fire Report – Chief Jesswein
- SMCAS- Huebner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Main Street Property –Pitsch Proposal

Motion by Plank, second by Heyliger to accept bid for demolition and testing on Main Street property as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstains: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2021-16 Supporting Expansion of Landfill Operations–

Motion by Huebner, second by Plank to approve Resolution #2021-16 Supporting Expansion of Landfill Operations

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstains: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Resolution #2021-17 Township Investment and Depository Designation -

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Plank to approve Resolution #2021-17 Township Investment and Depository Designation as amended.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstains: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Special Land Use Permit for Winery -

Motion by Huebner, second by Heyliger to approve special land use as presented for winery at 14393 Madron Lake Road.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstains: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Sign/Billboard on Red Bud Trail-

Ferris questioned contents and sign placement/size of billboard on Red Bud Trail. Zoning department has been notified per Cole-Crocker.

Fire Department Cadet Program-

Motion by Huebner, second by Ferris to approve Fire Department Cadet program pending insurance approval.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstains: None

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Fire Department Cadet placement-

Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to approve placement of Justin Miller and Elias Benjamin into the Fire Department Cadet Program pending insurance approval. One year probationary status.

Unanimous voice vote (5-0)

Announcements

Tom Gordon was elected chairman of SEBCLA board.

Chief Jesswein complimented Scott Desenberg on his professionalism, dedication and willingness to support the Fire Department.

Chief Jesswein announced accident numbers are very high. Slow down and pay attention!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Wendi Heyliger, Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor