

Buchanan Charter Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting September 29, 2022  
Held at Buchanan Charter Township Hall

**CALL TO ORDER**

*The Regular Meeting September 29, 2022, meeting of the Buchanan Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Malinda Cole-Crocker at 6:00 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:* Mike Balos, Jerie Crouch, Mark Heyliger, Wade Plank, April Binns, Ryan Marschke from Hungerford Nichols

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The special meeting minutes of the September 07, 2022, approved as presented.*

- **ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA – addition of check 12676 to register, making total \$25,392.48, Moved Hungerford Nichols Presenting Fiscal Year End Audit to top of list**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** April Binns, 15165 Main Street, Serenity Woods Summit -Is tired of being fought by the Township for her private property and her barn. Stated we just want her shut down. It is more than just Cole-Crocker’s decision and should be a board decision. She would like to not have lawyers involved anymore and work things out. She will start going door to door to tell people how many of their tax dollars are spent frivolously on a lawyer that is unneeded. She is upset about the parking, bathroom, and occupancy limit on her private property. Stated the building inspector is pulling new code out of the air every week and trying to stop her. She states is affects her, every person booked at her venue, and every person who pays taxes in the Township.

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Ferris to approve General Fund- Payment of Bills Check #12638-12676 Totaling-\$25,392.48, Fire Fund- Payment of Bills Check #7839-7858 Totaling- \$7,705.66, MLB Fund- Payment of Bills Check #1185-1186 Totaling-\$10.00, Tax Fund- Payment of Bills Check #6149-6181 Totaling-\$3,251,357.29

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

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

**REPORTS**

**Sheriff Report- On File**

**SEBCLA- Cole-Crocker**

**BARB- Plank**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Plank to adopt Ordinance # 126-2022 Rezoning on Main Street, second reading, 8 days after publication.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Heyliger to approve Hungerford Nichols Fiscal Year End Audit as presented by Marschke.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstains:**

**Motion carried unanimously (5-0)**

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**SMCAS**

*Ferris wants to know how SMCAS can better serve our residents, especially on the outskirts of the Township. We get approximately 35 calls a month. Suggested a building and maybe a crew with ambulance. Spoke with Scribner about maybe a volunteer QRT (Quick Response Team) of 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. SMCAS would train them. That would provide someone to be on scene to evaluate the situation. He will speak with Scribner more to see what can be done.*

**School Resource Officer**

*Cole-Crocker relayed the information that the school had contacted the City of Buchanan about hiring a School Resource Officer at a salary of approx. \$70,000. They went to surrounding municipalities and some have said they will not contribute funds. FYI only.*

**Joint Water Sewer Appointment**

*Motion by Plank, second by Huebner to appoint Cole-Crocker to the JWSB for the remainder of the current term.*

**Voice Vote**

**Motion carried unanimously (5-0)**

**Fire Watch Fees**

*Motion by Heyliger, second by Ferris to adopt \$30.00 per hour for a temporary time period of 15 days to end after 15 days and will be revisited before next budget.*

**Voice Vote**

**Motion carried unanimously (5-0)**

**Announcements**

Heyliger: Berrien County has not issued tabulator programming, BOE recommends mailing ballots in absence of programming and to test as soon as we receive. The first 250 have been mailed out and second batch of absentee ballots have been picked up today at the County and will go out by Monday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.*

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Wendi Heyliger, Clerk

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Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor