

CALL TO ORDER

The May 23, 2024, regular meeting of the Buchanan Charter 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; Amber Ramirez, Treasurer; Lynn Ferris, Trustee; Brad Huebner, Trustee; Adam Byrdak, Trustee; Tom Gordon, Trustee

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Others Present: Lora Freehling, Mike & Jerie Balos, Norm Klug, Shelly Weich, Charles Smith, Brian Scribner, Martin & Melinda Smith, Tim Lynch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of the April 25, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

Voice Vote:

Motion carried (7-0)

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA

Move Tim Lynch to under Correspondence

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT –

Lora Freehling- Register of Deeds. Announcing new Property Alert Service, sign up and protect yourself. Running for re-election, would appreciate support.

Shelly Weich- Berrien County Treasurer, 17 years’ experience in Treasurer’s office. Running for re-election, would appreciate support.

Mike Balos- Is SMCAS planning on having a local location soon?

CORRESPONDENCE- None

Joint Water/Sewer 2024-2025 Budget

Motion by Gordon, second by Ferris, to approve the 2024-2025 Joint Water/Sewer Budget and recommend to City of Buchanan to approve budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ferris, Huebner, Gordon, Byrdak, Cole-Crocker, Ramirez, Heyliger

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion carried (7-0)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Ramirez, second by Gordon, to approve General Fund- Payment of Bills- Check #13820-13841 and include a check to SBF enterprises for Tax Bill postage Totaling- \$106,291.33, Fire Fund- Payment of Bills- Check #8187-8205 Totaling- \$26, 821.14, MLB Fund Payment of Bills – Check #1199 Totaling \$45.90

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Byrdak, Cole-Crocker, Ramirez, Heyliger, Ferris, Huebner, Gordon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion carried (7-0)

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report- On File

BARB- *BARB Inaugural Park clean-up day went fantastic, good volunteer turnout. Bever Excavating went above and beyond with his time and equipment contribution.*

MLB Amphibian Monitoring Project- *Thad Lipinski- Motion by Cole-Crocker, second by Byrdak, to approve Mud Lake Bog Amphibian Monitoring Project as presented.*

Voice Vote: (7-0)

SEBCLA-*Update by Cole-Crocker-Smooth transition with new director.*

JWS- *Update by Gordon*

Monthly Building Report Update *(Reviewed)*

April Revenue and Expenditure Reports for Fire Fund & General Fund *(Reviewed and Discussed)*

SMCAS- *Update by Brian Scribner, SMCAS Director.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lake Chapin Road Property Update

Improvement being made. Close to compliance. The only issue left is they need to cover shipping containers with approved screening from view. Smith misunderstood when he applied for a building permit. They will extend the fence line and move as necessary. No motion needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2024-24 Stranger Wine Special Land Use for Tasting Room

Motion by Huebner, second by Heyliger, to approve Resolution #2024-24 Resolution Approving Amendment to Special Land Use Permit as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Huebner, Gordon, Byrdak, Cole-Crocker, Ramirez, Heyliger, Ferris

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: Motion carried (7-0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Election Training begins the second week in June.

Fire Department grants are coming in again. Good job- fire department for obtaining grants.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Wendi Heyliger, Clerk

Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor