

**Bertrand Township Board
Special Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2015**

Bertrand Township Hall
3835 Buffalo Rd., Buchanan, MI 49107

Supervisor Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:29 a.m.

Members Present: Hicks, Kuhn, LeClaire, Vite, Zelmer

Purpose: The well has failed at the Community Hall. It was first reported on Monday, November 16, by renters who complained there was little water pressure. Robin Richardson also noted when she cleaned the Community Hall there was no pressure.

Supervisor Hicks received estimates from McCarty Well Drilling, Inc (\$6,518.00) and Maurer Well Service, Inc. (\$6,520.00). He called two other drillers; one never responded and Steve Mansfield deferred to McCarty.

Motion made by Vite seconded by Zelmer to accept McCarty Well Drilling's well estimate for \$6,518.00 to replace the failed well at the Community.

Discussion: LeClaire commented of the urgency and importance of finding the septic lid so that the septic can readily be pumped as necessary. He also clarified the bidding process amongst contractors for government work and said the quotes being nearly identical wasn't unusual, and that other bids would most likely be the same as well. He pointed out the bids we received weren't apples-to-apples (eg, McCarty spec'd ¾ HP pump while Maurer spec'd 1 HP pump, different grouting quantities, different lengths of drop pipe, etc.). All agreed that both contractors have good reputations, have been around a long time, and at least in McCarty's case, knows the earth composition in our area very well for accurately specing the well. All board members liked the idea of keeping the work local to the township.

Kuhn said limited funds to cover the expense were in the Community Hall expense account, but that at the next regular board meeting in December a budget amendment would be necessary to cover the balance of the expense.

Amended Motion made by Vite seconded by Zelmer to accept McCarty Well Drilling's well estimate for \$6,518.00 to replace the failed well at the Community Hall plus the additional cost for McCarty to locate the septic tank/system, and to request consideration/comment for a 1HP pump upgrade as spec'd in Maurer's estimate.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion made by Hicks to adjourn at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



November 20, 2015

Don Vite
Bertrand Township Clerk

Dated