

**Bertrand Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 9, 2017**

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

Supervisor Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Absent: None

Special Guests: John Yerrington and Nate Street from Michiana Aggregate, Inc.

**Consent Agenda** *(see attachments)*

**Motion** made by Zelmer supported by Kuhn to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- Remove item #6 – Budget Amendment
- Township Board Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2017
- SMCAS Special Assessment Public Hearing Minutes from October 12, 2017
- Accounts Payable for the period 10/13-11/09 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$160,253.57
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$9,272.02
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$ 102.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$169,628.09</u></b>

- Treasurer’s Report as of October 31:

General Fund	\$1,362,703.88
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$185,382.69
Total WRT Fund	\$2,544.75
<b>Total Fund Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$1,550,631.32</u></b>

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

**Discussion:** None.

**Reports**

Sheriff’s Department *(see attachment)*

Deputy Brandon Crosby presented the monthly report. Nothing extraordinary to report. Discussion about speeding south of Bertrand on Mayflower and an abandoned car on Bertrand that still hadn’t been stickered after 4 days.

Fire Department *(see attachment)*

Chief Bill Knisely presented the November, 2017, monthly Fire Department report. Nothing extraordinary; extrication training continued. Eight fire calls for the month and 105 for the year. The department must purchase gas monitors, and after much research chief discovered that the cost of a four gas monitor plus a Hydrogen cyanide gas monitor is much less expensive than a five gas monitor (which includes hydrogen cyanide). He has opted to purchase the former combination.

## SMCAS

No meeting in October due to illnesses on the board.

## Landfill (verbal report)

Dave Zelmer updated the board:

- Trash continues to go in the new cell
- Tyler Ganus has been appointed the new General Manager. He will also continue acting as the lead environmental engineer.
- The annual audit will begin on November 20
- SBR approved the new waste water treatment plant. This pretreatment greatly saves cost before water is discharged to the Buchanan water treatment plant.

## Sexton

Nothing to report.

## Public Comments

None.

## Unfinished Business

None.

## New Business

### 1. Resolution 171109A Medical Marijuana Facilities Opt Out

**Motion** made by Vite, supported by Payton to adopt Resolution 171109A – Regarding Medical Marijuana Facilities Authorized by PA 281 of 2016

#### **Discussion:**

Kuhn raised concerns regarding the dynamic and evolving state of the medical marijuana issue and how this vote might be premature. Vite reminded the board the township is opted out by default by doing nothing; this vote simply makes an official statement by the board that can be disseminated to LARA and inquiring entities.

Roll call vote: **Ayes** – Hicks, Payton, Vite, Zelmer; **Nays** – Kuhn

**Passed 4-1**

### 2. MAI SLU Application

Mr. Yerrington appealed to the board to renew MAI's three SLU permits, which happen to be three years in arrears by an oversight. The board wishes to first consult with the township attorney to have a number of questions answered with regard to changes in the Zoning Ordinance since the original SLU permits were issued, and other questions. The discussion was tabled until the December board meeting.

### 3. Community Hall Rental Agreement Update

**Motion** made by Hicks, supported by Zelmer to approve the revised Community Hall Rental Agreement.

#### **Discussion:**

This is an evolving document that will continue to evolve. This revision includes:

- Responsible Party being held liable “whether they attend or not”.
- Occupancy of hall on day of rental **only**.

- Rental includes 75 chairs and 12 8' tables.

Voice vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

4. Proposal for Professional Architectural Services

**Motion** made by Vite, supported by Payton to approve Barker/Nestor Architecture and Design's Proposal for Professional Architectural Services for the proposed interior remodel designs to the Community Hall for \$5,300 and the Township Hall for \$6,500 with the assurance they will coordinate ADA restroom compliance at the Community Hall.

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Hicks appreciated Kevin Barker's enthusiasm and thoughtful insights into modernizing the facilities, and received positive references from Buchanan Township who are utilizing Barker's services. While the township has utilized Wightman's services on numerous occasions, it was agreeable to give Barker the opportunity.

Roll call vote: **Ayes** – Hicks, Kuhn, Payton, Vite      **Abstain** – Zelmer      **Passed: 4-0**

**Public Comments**

One resident had a comment.

**Board Member Comments**

None.

**Communications**

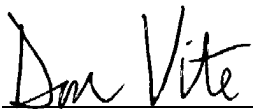
None.

**Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule**

- Fire Department Chili/Hot Dog All-U-Can Eat Supper at Station #1 on Saturday, November 11, 5-8 p.m.
- The annual Christmas Open House will be Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a Brunch with the Board potluck at 10 a.m. (RSVP)
- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion** by Hicks to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Vite

Bertrand Township Clerk

November 11, 2017

Date