

APPROVED MINUTES
Bertrand Township (Est. 1836)
3835 Buffalo Road, Buchanan, MI 49107
Regular Township Board Meeting
December 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Hicks, Kuhn, Lano, LeClaire, Zelmer Absent: none

Consent Calendar

Approval of agenda, Township board meeting minutes from November 13, 2014; approval of bills for payment; reports on file and Resolutions 121114 A - Resolution To Adopt 2015 Schedule of Regular Township Board Meetings; 121114 B - Resolution To Adopt 2015 Schedule of Regular Planning Commission Meetings; 121114 C Resolution To Adopt Holiday Schedule for 2015.

An attorney bill in the amount of \$1,840 was added to the bills for payment and Resolution 121114 B was revised because the Planning Commission will not be meeting in January or July.

Motion was made by Zelmer seconded by Lano to approve the consent calendar as amended.

Motion carried unanimously

Fire Department Report

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Zelmer to allow Berrien County Animal Control to use Fire Station One on a date in February.

Motion carried unanimously

The Public Hearing scheduled for 7:15 p.m. for the request from C & S Machine Products Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption was called to order at 7:13 p.m. Owner Dominick Saratore and Joe Sobieralski from SMEGA were present and provided information describing this project. A visual presentation of the proposed facility was included. The IFT exemption request applies to the real property for this project and would be for a period of 12 years. Board members and attendees asked questions which were answered. Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

2015 Appointments

SMCAS: immediate opening due to vacancy

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Kuhn to appoint himself to serve as the SMCAS representative with a term of January 1, 2015 expiring on November 20, 2016.

Voice vote

Motion failed 3 to 2

Motion was made by Lano seconded by Zelmer to appoint Nick Gowen to serve as the SMCAS representative. Voice vote

Motion carried 3 to 2

NATS: immediate opening due to vacancy

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Zelmer to appoint Steve LeClaire to serve as the NATS representative with a term of January 1, 2015 expiring November 20, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously

Ex-Officio Appointment to PC: vacancy due to resignation

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Zelmer to appoint David Kuhn to serve as the ex-officio to the Planning Commission with a term of January 1, 2015 expiring November 20, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously

Planning Commission: expiring term December 31, 2014

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Kuhn to reappoint Rhonda Hicks to serve on the Planning Commission with a term of January 1, 2015 expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion carried 3 to 2

~~Both Lano and Zelmer stated that they wanted it known that Supervisor Hicks appointing his wife to serve on the Planning Commission was a conflict of interest due to the financial gain the Hicks household would receive from this appointment.~~

Zoning Board of Appeal: expiring terms December 31, 2014

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Zelmer to reappoint Laurie Rohl and Mark Wagner to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term of January 1, 2015 expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously

Board of Review:

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Kuhn to appoint Kyle Smith to the Board of Review with a term of January 1, 2015 expiring December 31, 2016. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Hicks seconded by Zelmer to re-appoint Anna Norton and Patty Albert to the Board of Review with a term of January 1, 2015 expiring December 31, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously

Bertrand Crossing IFT Resolution 121114 D

Motion was made by Lano seconded by Zelmer to adopt Resolution 121114 D which is the Resolution Granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for C & S Machine Products, Inc. for a period of twelve years.

Roll call vote: Yes: Hicks, Kuhn, Lano, LeClaire, Zelmer **Motion carried unanimously**

Data Breach Resolution

Motion was made by Lano seconded by Zelmer to authorize Attorney Bell to proceed with the course of action prescribed to the board.

Motion carried unanimously

Appointed Board Reports

Motion was made by LeClaire seconded by Lano that individuals appointed to serve and dept. heads will be contacted by the supervisor and instructed to provide monthly written one page

