

**Bertrand Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2019**

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

Member Absent: None

Special Guests: None

Consent Agenda *(see attachments)*

Motion made by Zelmer seconded by Kuhn approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Township Board Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2019
- Accounts Payable for the period 07/12/19-08/08/19 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$23,181.13
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$17,648.40
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$76.90
Total Expenses	<u>\$40,906.30</u>

- Treasurer's Report and July Month-End Fund Balances:

General Fund	\$1,445,059.33
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$349,493.08
Total WRT Fund	\$2,252.84
Total Fund Current Assets	<u>\$1,796,805.25</u>

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Reports

Sheriff's Department *(see attached)*

Deputy Huddleston presented the monthly report.

Fire Department *(see attached)*

Chief Knisely submitted the July 2019, monthly Fire Department report.

SMCAS *(see attached)*

Chief Knisely presented the SMCAS report:

- A new ambulance has been placed in service.
- Another medic is being hired to replace a medic that was released.
- Based on the annual audit aging reports, adjustments were made that negatively impacted the financials.

Treasurer Kuhn asked if any controls have been put in place addressing the deficiencies identified in the audit. Chief couldn't answer with certainty but will follow up.

SE Berrien County Landfill

Treasurer Kuhn and Trustee Zelmer gave a verbal report:

- Work continues on the SBR, addressing efficiency issues
- Water continues to clear up
- Special meeting to address de-watering of some of the wells
- Feasibility study shows a maximum of 13 yrs. of air space left before a new cell will be necessary. If cell permit is denied at that time, landfill will be facing closure.

Planning Commission

Nothing extraordinary.

NATS

No meeting.

Public Comments

General questions regarding the landfill.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. Liquor License Public Hearing Request

Motion made by Hicks and seconded by Zelmer to adopt Resolution 190808A – Resolution to Hold Hearing on Class C Liquor License Request for A&G Restaurant, LLC (formerly JD’s Truck Stop Restaurant).

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

2. BTFD Candidate Recommendation

Motion made by Vite and seconded by Zelmer to accept Chief Knisley’s recommendation and hire Nick Brown as a candidate firefighter to the fire department.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Public Comments

None.

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Hicks read a letter from a 7-year old resident asking board members to bid on her rabbit at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Individual members will be participating. He also informed the board that the US-31 By-Pass will be completed in 2021. Construction began 40 years ago.

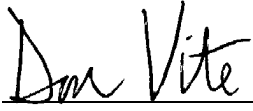
Communications

Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule

- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.
- Office Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to Noon next week – Berrien County Youth Fair week.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



August 8, 2019

Don Vite

Date

Bertrand Township Clerk

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RESOLUTION 19-0808A

RESOLUTION TO HOLD HEARING ON CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Bertrand Township, County of Berrien, State of Michigan held in the Township Hall at 3835 Buffalo Road, Buchanan, MI 49107, on August 8, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Hicks, Kuhn, Payton, Vite, Zelmer

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Board Member Hicks and supported by Board Member Zelmer.

WHEREAS, Bertrand Township has a Liquor License Ordinance, Ordinance Number 54, which governs the approval of liquor licenses in the Township, and

WHEREAS, the Township has established a detailed process, including a public hearing and a list of requirements that must be met prior to the Township's approval of a liquor license, and

WHEREAS, A & G Restaurant, LLC, of 1655 Mayflower Road, Niles, MI 49120, (formerly known by many in the community as the old JD's Truck Stop Restaurant building) has requested a New Class C License, Sunday Sales Permit (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) and Dance-Entertainment Permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Township hereby orders that a public hearing shall be held on the Township's consideration of such license at the Township's regular Board Meeting, on September 12, 2019, at 7:15 p.m., and Notice of Public Hearing shall be published by the Clerk in the Berrien County Record, according to the Township's Liquor Control Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BERTRAND, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

That a public hearing shall be held on September 12, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. at the Bertrand Township Hall for the Township's consideration of a New Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales Permit (AM), Sunday Sales Permit (PM) and Dance-Entertainment Permit as requested by A & G Restaurant, LLC, of 1655 Mayflower Road, Niles, MI 49120, and a Notice of Public Hearing shall be published in the Berrien County Record according to the requirements of the Township's Liquor Control Ordinance.

AYES: Hicks, Kuhn, Payton, Vite Zelmer

NAYS: None

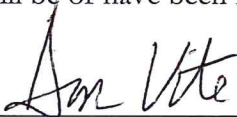
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Don Vite, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by Bertrand Township, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, held on the 8th day of August, 2019, and that said Meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the Minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Don Vite, Clerk