

**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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$40,906.30</u></b>

- 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
<b>Total Fund Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$1,796,805.25</u></b>

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.

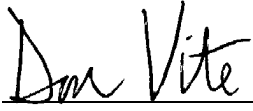
## Communications

### **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