

**Bertrand Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 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, Payton, Vite, Zelmer

Member Absent: Kuhn

Special Guests: None

Consent Agenda *(see attachments)*

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

- Township Board Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2019
- Township Board Special Hearing Minutes from September 12, 2019 for A&G Restaurant Class C Liquor and Dance/Entertainment License Request
- Township Board Special Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2019 for Demolition of 4630 US12
- Accounts Payable for the period 09/13/19-10/12/19 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$28,310.73
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$15,672.77
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$81.67
Total Expenses	<u>\$44,065.17</u>

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

General Fund	\$1,442,166.27
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$323,120.45
Total WRT Fund	\$2,065.38
Total Fund Current Assets	<u>\$1,767,352.10</u>

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Reports

Sheriff's Department *(see attached)*

Deputy Baggett presented the monthly report.

Fire Department *(see attached)*

Chief Knisely submitted the September 2019, monthly Fire Department report. Tyler Knisely presented the new nozzles purchased with donations and grant money.

SMCAS *(see attached)*

Chief Knisely presented the SMCAS report.

SE Berrien County Landfill

Trustee Zelmer gave a verbal report.

Planning Commission

None.

NATS

Trustee Payton gave a verbal report.

Public Comments

Resident Scott Wooster asked about the expansion of DSS Valve.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. A&G Liquor License Request

Motion made by Zelmer and seconded by Payton to recommend the application for a Class C Liquor License by A&G Restaurant be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Roll Call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

2. Community Building Landscaping

Motion made by Vite and seconded by Zelmer to accept North Star Landscaping's bid of \$1,041.94 for a general fall cleanup of the Community Building's current plantings and to contract North Star Landscaping to landscape around the Community Building after reducing and altering their current plans to a more manageable design.

Roll Call Vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

3. Community Building Lighting & Fans

Motion made by Payton and seconded by Zelmer to table a decision on the Community Building main hall lighting and fans until additional options are presented.

Voice Vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Discussion: The board felt the price was high without having a basis for comparison.

Public Comments

None.

Board Member Comments

Supervisor Hicks read a letter of commendation to the Bertrand Township Fire Department signed by our state and federal congressional representatives.

Supervisor Hicks updated the board on the status of the demolition of the 4630 US12 property. Our attorney will be going back to court because the township's building inspector recommends against approving the demolition work because the home and pool foundation was not removed per the board's requirement.

Communications

- Request for Improvement of Deficiencies – Corrective Action Plan for the FY2019 Audit sent by the Community Engagement and Finance Division

Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule

- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- The Bertrand Township Fire Department will have a Chili Supper on November 9.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



October 10, 2019

Don Vite

Date

Bertrand Township Clerk