

**Bertrand Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020**

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: Supervisor Steve Hicks, Treasurer Dave Kuhn, Trustee Gordon Payton, Clerk Don Vite, Trustee Dave Zelmer

Special Guests: None

Consent Agenda (see attachments)

Motion made by Zelmer supported by Payton to approve Consent Agenda as amended (see Discussion section below):

- Township Board Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2019
- Accounts Payable for the period 12/13/19-01/09/20 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses:	\$21,322.43
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses:	\$23,305.10
Total WRT Fund Expenses:	\$82.53
Total Expenses:	<u>\$66,767.82</u>

- Treasurer's Report and December month-end fund balances:

General Fund:	\$1,360,570.60
Total Fire Dept. Fund:	\$300,158.12
Total WRT Fund:	\$1,987.06
Total Fund Current Assets:	<u>\$1,662,715.78</u>

- Budget Amendment
- Resolution #200109A – Resolution Updating State Required Poverty Level Income Standards for Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Tax Year 2020
- Resolution #200109B – Resolution Accepting Letters of Protest from Township Residents for March 2020 Board of Review
- Resolution #200109C – Resolution to Provide for Alternate Starting Dates for March 2020 Board of Review

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Discussion: Treasurer Kuhn presented to the board the Revenue Projections for the 2020 Budget for consideration and discussion at the upcoming Budget Planning Workshop.

Trustee Zelmer pointed out the inaccurate statement on record in the minutes regarding the claim by Clerk Vite that Mr. Gillette was two years in arrears when in fact he was paid up for 2018. Clerk Vite corrected the approved minutes reflecting that inaccuracy along with comments pertaining to the subsequent termination of the land rent agreement at Mr. Gillette's request.

Clerk Vite clarified that he apologized personally to Mr. Gillette for this oversight and inaccurate public comment.

Reports

Sheriff's Department *(on file)*

Deputy Baggett presented the monthly report.

Fire Department *(on file)*

Chief Knisely submitted the January 2020 monthly Fire Department report. Tyler Knisely, training officer for the Fire Department, gave his annual training report. A record number of training hours for personnel was attained in 2019. He was very appreciative of the board's support for the online training program approved early last year.

SMCAS *(on file)*

Chief Knisely presented the monthly report.

SE Berrien County Landfill *(on file)*

Dave Zelmer and Dave Kuhn gave a verbal report.

Sexton

None

Planning Commission

None

NATS

None

ZBA

None

Public Comments

Two residents had questions.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comments

None

Board Member Comments

None

Communications

None

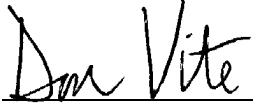
Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule

- The Berrien County Animal Clinic will hold its annual shot clinic at station one on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 10 a.m. – noon.

- The Bertrand Township Board will have its annual budget planning workshop on February 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- The next regular township board meeting will be Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

With no further discussion, **motion** by Hicks to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



December 18, 2019

Don Vite

Dated

Bertrand Township Clerk