

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

Via Video-Conference during the historic COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic

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 supported by Payton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Township Board Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2020
- Accounts Payable for the period 03/13/20-04/09/20 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$48,455.90
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$19,316.35
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$73.28
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$67,845.53</u></b>

- Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2020

General Fund	\$1,540,039.49
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$448,264.70
Total WRT Fund	\$2,395.58
<b>Total Fund Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$1,990,699.77</u></b>

**Discussion:** Clerk Vite cut Buchanan Library a \$2,000 check, which consisted of their \$1,000 annual contribution plus the \$1,000 portion that has previously gone to the Niles Library. Niles Library severed ties with Bertrand Township last fall after complaining our contribution was inadequate.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

**Reports**

Sheriff's Department *(on file)*

The report was mailed in.

Fire Department *(on file)*

Chief Knisely was unable to attend the video-conference.

SMCAS

None

SE Berrien County Landfill

Treasurer Kuhn and Trustee Zelmer gave a verbal report:

Planning Commission

Did not meet in April.

NATS

None.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

1. Amended Resolution 200409F – Trustee Salary (Correction)

**Motion** made by Hicks, seconded by Kuhn to adopt Resolution 200409F to establish trustee pay at \$5,500.

Roll call vote:

**Aye:** Hicks, Kuhn, Vite

**Abstain:** Payton, Zelmer

**Carried 3-0**

2. Adopt 2020/2021 Proposed Township Budget/General Appropriations Act (Corrected for Trustee Pay Adjustment)

**Motion** made by Hicks, supported by Zelmer to adopt Resolution 200409A – Bertrand Township General Appropriations Act (Budget) for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General	\$757,908.88	\$757,908.88
West River Terrace	\$ 869.00	\$ 1,300.00
SMCAS	\$ 32,020.00	\$ 32,020.00

**Discussion:** The budget totals did not change; however, to make the \$1,400 increase to the Trustees account, the funds were moved from the Highway, Bridges & Roads account.

Roll call vote: **Motion passed unanimously**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Board Member Comments**

None.

**Communications**

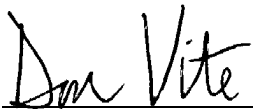
None.

**Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule**

- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Vite

Bertrand Township Clerk

April 15, 2020

Date