

**Bertrand Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2020**

Supervisor Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Hicks, Kuhn, Payton, Vite, Zelmer

Member Absent: None

Special Guests: Derek Hall, Bertrand Township Auditor from the Michigan Dept of Treasury

Consent Agenda *(see attachments)*

Motion made by Payton, supported by Zelmer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Township Board Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2020
- Accounts Payable for the period 09/11/20-10/08/20 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$97,274.38
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$16,994.95
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$65.00
Total Expenses	\$114,334.33

- Treasurer's Report and month-end fund balances as of September 30, 2020:

General Fund	\$1,470,010.63
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$408,884.87
Total WRT Fund	\$1,988.24
Total Fund Current Assets	\$1,880,883.74

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Reports

Sheriff's Department *(on file)*

The report was mailed in.

Fire Department *(on file)*

Chief Knisely presented the October Fire Department report.

SMCAS *(on file)*

Chief Knisely emailed the report.

SE Berrien County Landfill *(minutes on file)*

Treasurer Kuhn and Trustee Zelmer gave a brief verbal report.

Planning Commission

Treasurer Kuhn gave verbal report. SLU approved for Brant Benson guest house. Zoning maps are now up-to-date.

NATS *(Verbal Report)*

Trustee Payton gave a verbal report.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

1. 2019/2020 Annual Audit Report

Derek Hall presented the annual audit report for Bertrand Township. The township continues to have very healthy fund balances. Hall did not offer any suggestions for improvement.

The report is available at the township hall for the public to see.

2. Ramp Replacement at the Community Building

Motion made by Zelmer, seconded by Payton to accept Joe Co/Joe Crespo's bid of \$2,200.00 to replace the deck boards at the Community Hall ramp and haul away debris.

Discussion: The board authorized Steve to have Joe clean up the basement of the Community Hall of debris from various upgrade projects performed last year.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

3. I&M Efficient Street Light Program Contract

Motion made by Vite, seconded by Zelmer to approve Tariff #533 to LED Tariff #535.

Motion amended to also approve Tariff #530 to LED Tariff #536.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

4. Bertrand Crossing Sign

A resident registered a complaint re: the overgrown landscaping surrounding and hiding the Bertrand Crossing Sign and how it doesn't give a good impression.

Steve is going to talk to Jeff Ray to see who is responsible for maintaining this sign.

Public Comments

One resident had a comment.

Board Member Comments

None.

Communications

None.

Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule

- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Vite

Bertrand Township Clerk

October 17, 2020

Date