

**Bertrand Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2021**

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 Vite to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- Add item #5 to consent agenda – Approval of Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes for April 8
- Township Board Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2021
- Accounts Payable for the period 05/14/21-06/10/21 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$148,567.09
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$8,133.22
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$75.39
Total Expenses	<u>\$156,775.70</u>

- Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2021

General Fund	\$1,613,368.40
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$438,252.49
Total WRT Fund	\$2,164.62
Total Fund Current Assets	<u>\$2,053,785.51</u>

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 June Fire Department report.

SMCAS *(on file)*

SE Berrien County Landfill

Treasurer Kuhn and Trustee Zelmer gave a verbal report. The Feasibility Study for future expansion was completed. 11 years left of permitted space.

Sexton

Issues to address include:

- Tree down in Bakertown Cemetery
- Contract Joe Crespo/mason to build pillars for entrance in Howe cemetery.

NATS *(on file)*

Trustee Payton gave a verbal report.

Public Comments

A citizen commented about truck traffic on Mayflower and Orange Rds.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

1. BTFD Matters

Discussion:

- Chief Knisely reported on septic issues at station #1. A new drain field must be installed, and he is getting the necessary permits from the county health department.
- Chief Knisely also asked about the possibility of fining residents for illegal grass fires. Discussion ensued about using a warning/ticket system and warning on the first offense. No decisions made.

2. 425 Agreement update with City of Niles re: Signal Point Development

Discussion: No new information to pass on. Bertrand Township has made a proposal on proceeding and the issue is now in their hands under deliberation.

Public Comments

None.

Board Member Comments

Treasurer Kuhn gave an update on the American Cares Act and the online presentation attended by Supervisor Hicks, Treasurer Kuhn, and Clerk Vite. This act gets federal money to local jurisdictions under stipulations that are still being defined. The township will definitely take part in applying for the federal money.

Communications

None.

Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule

- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Vite

Bertrand Township Clerk

June 17, 2021

Date