

**Bertrand Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 11, 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: Tyler Ganus, Berrien County Landfill General Manager

**Consent Agenda** *(see attachments)*

**Motion** made by Zelmer supported by Vite to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- Add New Business item #5 – Banking Resolutions
- Township Board Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2021
- Accounts Payable for the period 10/15/21-11/11/21 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$31,322.37
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$10,185.30
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$75.54
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$41,583.21</u></b>

- Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2021

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

**Reports**

Sheriff’s Department

None as of the meeting.

Fire Department *(on file)*

Chief Knisely presented the October Fire Department report.

SMCAS *(on file)*

SE Berrien County Landfill *(on file)*

See New Business Item #1.

Planning Commission *(on file)*

- Storage Container Ordinance will be presented to the community at the Dec. board meeting.
- Approved Alro Steel Expansion.

NATS

No meeting.

**Public Comments**

John Yarrington, co-owner of Michiana Aggregate, introduced himself and explained they want to begin working on an agreement with the township for proceeding with a new gravel pit.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

## New Business

### 1. SEBCLA Presentation and Resolution

Tyler Ganus, BC Landfill General Manager, presented the need for expanding the landfill to accommodate new and existing customers past the estimated remaining 12 years of life. He is asking the boards of each member jurisdiction to adopt a resolution supporting expansion that he will be able to take to the state for petitioning them to amend the solid waste plan for the landfill.

**Discussion:** The board will consider the resolution in the December meeting.

### 2. BS&A Assessing Record Posting Proposal

**Motion** made by Kuhn seconded by Vite to approve Option #1 – Pay-Per-Hit whereby the township incurs no cost. BS&A will charge \$2.00/record (payable by credit card) to the individual looking up the data.  
*Taxpayers may look up their data for free.*

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

### 3. Cemetery Tree Removal Quotes

**Motion** made by Kuhn, seconded by Payton to select either A Cut Above Tree Service or AC Tree Service after clarification that all stubs, branches, and brush will be removed and not to exceed \$5,000.

**Discussion:** The issue is that A Cut Above quote indicates large tree stubs will be pushed into the edge of the property. However, their quote is significantly less than AC Tree Service, so with a quote for removing the stubs Supervisor Hicks will take the lesser quote.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

### 4. Burning Ordinance

**Motion** made by Vite, seconded by Payton to approve and adopt Ordinance 211111-Fire Prevention and Protection.

**Discussion:** Supervisor Hicks will confirm with Zoning Administrator Glick and Fire Chief Knisely who is responsible for writing the tickets.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

### 5. Banking Resolutions

a) **Motion** made by Zelmer, seconded by Payton to approve and Banking Resolution 211111A-Huntington Bank.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

b) **Motion** made by Zelmer, seconded by Vite to approve and Banking Resolution 211111B-United Federal Credit Union.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

c) **Motion** made by Zelmer, seconded by Hicks to approve and Banking Resolution 211111C-Honor Credit Union.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

d) **Motion** made by Payton, seconded by Zelmer to approve and Banking Resolution 211111D-Country Heritage Union.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Board Member Comments**

None.

**Communications**

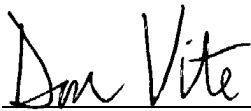
None.

**Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule**

- Building Inspector Todd Herter is hospitalized with COVID-19.
- Berrien County Rabies Shot Clinic, Sat. Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at BTFD Station #1. Pre-registration is required for this event.
- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m.
- Bertrand Township Open House, Sunday, December 12 from 2 – 4 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



November 17, 2021

Don Vite

Date

Bertrand Township Clerk