

**Bertrand Township Board
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2021**

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: Hicks, Kuhn, Payton, Vite, Zelmer

Special Guests: None

Consent Agenda *(see attachments)*

Motion made by Hicks supported by Vite to approve Consent Agenda as presented:

- Township Board Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2021
- Accounts Payable for the period 11/12/21-12/09/21 as presented:

Total General Fund Expenses:	\$31,148.82
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses:	\$49,996.85*
Total WRT Fund Expenses:	\$76.66
Total Expenses:	<u>\$81,222.33</u>
*Includes \$31,578.00 to be reimbursed from a grant	

- Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2021.
- Resolution #211209A – Updating State Required Poverty Level Income Standards for Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Tax Year 2022
- Resolution #211209B – Accepting Letters of Protest from Township Residents for March 2022 Board of Review
- Resolution #211209C – To Provide for Alternate Starting Dates for March 2022 Board of Review
- Resolution #211209D – Resolution to Adopt 2022 Schedule of Regular Township Board Meetings
- Resolution #211209E – Resolution to Adopt 2022 Schedule of Regular Township Planning Commission Meetings
- Resolution #211209F – Resolution to Adopt 2022 Holiday Schedule

Discussion: Treasurer Kuhn requested and received Board approval to enter into a tax agreement with Berrien County for the use of the BS&A tax software.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Reports

Sheriff's Department *(see attached)*

Mailed in.

Fire Department *(see attached)*

Chief Knisely submitted the December 2021 monthly Fire Department report.

SMCAS (*see attached*)

Assistant Chief Remmo commented and submitted a written report.

SE Berrien County Landfill (*board minutes submitted*)

Trustees Zelmer and Kuhn gave a verbal report.

Public Comments

Resident Tom Wrasse commented on the status of the American Chestnut seed and seedling project. Some township residents have signed up to receive seeds harvested last fall, and seedlings will be offered for sale next spring at Vite Greenhouses.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

1. Appointments

Motion made by Zelmer, seconded by Vite, to accept Supervisor Hicks's recommended 2022 Appointments:

Planning Commission

Lisa Marsh-McCarty – January 2022 – December 2024

Brant Benson (replacing Mary Duis) – January 2022 – December 2024

Voice vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

2. Landfill Resolution #211209G – Resolution Supporting Expansion of Landfill Operations

Motion made by Vite, seconded by Payton to adopt resolution #211209G – Resolution Supporting Expansion of Landfill Operations.

Discussion: This resolution was requested by the SBCLA GM Tyler Ganus for Authority member municipality to allow him to pursue landfill expansion with the SOM EGLE.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

3. Event Hall Water Softener Quotes

Motion made by Zelmer, seconded by Payton to approve the purchase and installation of a water softener for the Community Hall not to exceed \$1,500.

Discussion: Two quotes were presented by Supervisor Hicks – 1) Culligan and 2) AIM Water. There were questions raised regarding the Culligan quote having more materials than the AIM quote. The board gave discretion to Supervisor Hicks to make the decision after getting clarification.

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

Public Comments

None.

Board Member Comments

Trustee Zelmer requested that the Berrien County Drain Commissioner Quattrin make a visit and update the board on projects in the county. Some residents have been into the office with questions that he would have the best answers to.

Supervisor Hicks wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Communications

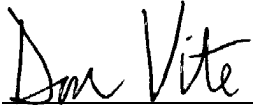
None

Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule

- The next regular township board meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

With no further discussion, **motion** by Hicks to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



December 15, 2021

Don Vite

Dated

Bertrand Township Clerk