

**Bertrand Charter Township Board**  
**Regular Meeting and SMCAS Special Assessment District Public Hearing #2**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2022**

Bertrand Charter 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

Member Absent: None

Special Guests: Brian Scribner, SMCAS Executive Director and other members of SMCAS; Paul Jancha – Berrien County District Court Judge candidate; Brad Paquette – 78<sup>th</sup> District State Representative; Polly White – Bertrand Charter Township Trustee Candidate

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

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

- Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2022
- Accounts Payable for the period 06/10/22-07/14/22:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$42,093.93
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$18,411.78
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$73.14
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$60,578.85</b>

- Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2022

General Fund	\$1,787,352.63
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$536,091.56
Total WRT Fund	\$2,136.38
<b>Total Fund Current Assets</b>	<b>\$2,325,580.57</b>

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

**Reports**

Sheriff's Department *(on file)*

Fire Department *(on file)*

Chief Knisely submitted the June 2022, monthly Fire Department report and gave a verbal report.

{The Public Hearing for the SMCAS Special Assessment District commenced at 7:05 p.m. and concluded at 7:34 p.m. – see separate minutes }

SMCAS *(on file)* – See Below

SE Berrien County Landfill *(on file)*

Trustee Zelmer and Treasurer Kuhn gave a verbal report.

Planning Commission

Treasurer Kuhn gave a verbal report.

NATS

No meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

1. SMCAS SAD Resolution #2 & Exhibit A

**Motion** made by Kuhn seconded by Payton to table Resolution #2 – Determination to Make Public Improvements; Approval of Plans and Estimate of Costs; Final Determination of Special Assessment District; Preparation of Special Assessment Roll

**Discussion:** There was no motion made for Resolution #2, and upon the counsel of Attorney Senica, the above motion to table the Resolution was made. Tabling it allows the township to further research the language and financial calculations defined in the SAD, which seems inconsistent with the money requested.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes: Kuhn, Payton, Hicks**      **Nayes: Vite, Zelmer**      **Passed: 3-2**

2. BTFD Cadet Hire

**Motion** made by Vite, seconded by Zelmer to approve the hiring of high school student Nathan Hollingsworth as a Cadet limited to fire station duties and only duties out of harm's way as recommended by Fire Chief Bill Knisely.

Voice Call Vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Board Member Comments**

Clerk Vite reminded the visitors and board the Primary Election will be Tuesday, August 2.

**Communications**


None.

**Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule**

- The next township board meeting will be Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



July 20, 2022

Don Vite

Date

Bertrand Charter Township Clerk