

**Bertrand Charter Township Board  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, September 8, 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: Derek Hall, State of Michigan Auditor for Bertrand Charter Township; Sara Senica, township attorney

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

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

- Remove agenda item #4-Ordinance to Regulate Water-Resolution.
- Remove agenda item #5-Ordinance to Regulate Sewer-Resolution.
- Township Board Regular Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2022
- Accounts Payable for the period 08/12/22-09/08/22:

Total General Fund Expenses	\$40,484.35
Total Fire Dept. Fund Expenses	\$7,890.15
Total WRT Fund Expenses	\$73.29
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$48,447.79</u></b>

- Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2022

General Fund	\$1,870,100.93
Total Fire Dept. Fund	\$558,689.88
Total WRT Fund	\$1,990.04
<b>Total Fund Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,430,780.85</u></b>

Roll call vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

**Reports**

Sheriff's Department *(on file)*

Fire Department *(on file)*

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

SMCAS *(on file)*

Matt Remmo submitted his report and gave a verbal report.

SE Berrien County Landfill *(on file)*

Trustee Zelmer and Treasurer Kuhn gave a verbal report.

Planning Commission

Treasurer Kuhn gave a verbal report.

## NATS

Trustee Payton gave a verbal report.

## Unfinished Business

None.

## New Business

### 1. Presentation - 21/22 Audit results from State of Michigan

Derek Hall, auditor from the State of Michigan, presented the results and finding from his FY21/22 township audit. Copies of the audit are available at the township office. The township reserves continued to grow in a favorable manner as we save for a new fire truck. Nothing extraordinary to report.

### 2. International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)

**Motion** made by Vite seconded by Kuhn to approve Ordinance#2022-0908A – An Ordinance to Adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code By Reference - as presented.

**Discussion:** There were concerns expressed about the subjectiveness of tickets being issued but attorney Senica said judges don't waste their time on petty items. She reaffirmed IPMC allows the Zoning Administrator, Building Inspector, and judges to all be on the same page with a standard from which to go by.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: **Kuhn, Hicks, Payton, Vite**      Nays: **Zelmer**      **Passed: 4-1**

### 3. Election Commission Resolution

**Motion** made by Vite, seconded by Zelmer to approve Resolution 220908B – Resolution to Establish Bertrand Charter Township Election Commission for November 2, 2022, General Election.

**Discussion:** The Election Commission will be comprised of Trustee Zelmer, Trustee Payton, and Clerk Vite

Voice Vote: **Motion carried unanimously**

## **Public Comments**

Comments were made about the condition of Redbud Trail and whether the repaving schedule could be moved forward.

Two residents reported lights are out and need replacing on Foundation Drive.

## **Board Member Comments**

None.

## Communications

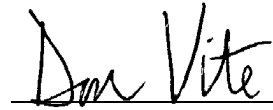
None.

## **Miscellaneous / Announcements / Schedule**

- The next township board meeting will be a Special Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. It will be the SMCAS SAD Public Hearing #2 to review the Special Assessment Roll.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



September 15, 2022

Don Vite

Date

Bertrand Charter Township Clerk