

March 8, 2022, Supervisor Christopher Smith called Regular Bushnell Township Board meeting to order at 7 pm at Bushnell Township Hall w/ pledge.

Present: Supervisor Christopher Smith; Treasurer Karron Bliss; Trustees Mike Fitzgerald & Patrick Draper; Clerk Louise Belyou; and others / Absent: none

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to approve meeting agenda. Carried.

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to accept minutes of January 11, 2022, regular meeting and February 17, 2022, special meeting. Carried.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to approve payment of \$46,429.89 for invoices 1-12-22 to 3-08-22. Carried.

Motion by Belyou, support by Draper to accept treasurer's report with \$263,012.84 less ARPA funds of \$62,278.02 with \$200,734.82 register balance. Carried.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to approve presented budget amendments. Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: heard opposition to closed session at Feb. 17, special meeting; 2 comments re: marihuana – 1 in favor/ 1 opposed; land owner surrounded by land signed with solar is concerned with agent continually trying to get him to sign up, he does NOT want to sign; OLD BUSINESS: Board apprised by Supervisor: RE: Fire Dept needs, specifically air packs. Cost to rebuild ones they have \$5,000; new – more time per use, life expectancy 10–15 years is \$6,000. Fire dept to update by-laws. RE: rec marihuana ordinance – atty studying laws, etc. NEW BUSINESS: Re: ARPA funds – \$125,000 total, have received half – required to report in April how used –learned funds may be used for roads, among other things beneficial to township.

Motion by Bliss, support by Fitzgerald to apply to County for money to use to repair park. Carried.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to schedule special meeting Tuesday, March 29, at 6:00pm to discuss budget and any other business. Budget Hearing to follow at 6:15pm. Carried.

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to approve 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule of 2nd Tuesday of odd months with meeting time changed to 6:00 pm from this meeting on. Carried.

Dates are: *January 11, 7pm; March 8, 7pm; **TIME FOR FOLLOWING MEETING DATES will be 6:00pm May 10; July 12; September 13; November 9, WEDNESDAY (note date /DAY, usual date same as Gubernatorial Election); January 10, 2023***

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to put in place a police power SOLAR ordinance in able to address decommissioning at end of service. Carried.

Motion by Bliss, supported by Draper to schedule special meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to discuss SOLAR draft ordinance. Motion carried.

Township communications and info will be discussed at May regular meeting.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to approve Road Commission contracts for Ditching – \$5,000; and Brush Spraying – \$2,000. Motion carried.

Board of Review –Bloomer Twp Hall – organizational meeting was today; sessions will be held Monday, March 14, 9am – 3pm; and Wednesday, March 16, 3pm – 9pm

PUBLIC COMMENT: was stated the township has opted OUT of marihuana in 2018.

Library info was given to board members.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Belyou, Clerk