

June 1, 2023, Special Bushnell Township Board meeting was called to order at 6 pm at Bushnell Township Hall by Supervisor Christopher Smith with pledge of allegiance.

Present: Roll call: Supervisor Christopher Smith; Trustee Patrick Draper; Clerk Louise Belyou; Treasurer Karron Bliss; Trustee Mike Fitzgerald; **Absent:** None **Others:** 6

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to amend agenda to cite that Buddy Deacons is unable to be sexton and approve the amended agenda. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments.

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald that as Buddy Deacons is no longer able to perform his duties, I move to remove him from the position of Township Sexton effective immediately, that being today, June 1, 2023. A note is to be written and sent along with a check for \$200. This is the prorated amount for the 2nd quarter (April 1 through June 30) which he only served April 1 through May 31. Motion carried.

Discussed these other issues

– Mr. and Mrs. McCloud paid \$150 for a headstone foundation. To date a hole has been dug and another stone moved, awaiting its spot on the foundation with the original intended one.

– Simpson Family Funeral Home had paid \$166.40 for a foundation ordered by Allen Jenks.

After discussion, the board decided to cover the issues in question and asked if the involved parties would be willing to sign a form agreeing to hold the township harmless.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to adopt the Release Harmless Form. Motion carried and the parties signed the Release Harmless Form.

Discussion then turned to possible replacement for cemetery sexton for Bushnell Township cemeteries, Maple Ridge and Sunny Hill. Laura Baker, daughter of Evergreen Township Sexton, was discussed and was interested in serving. Greg Terry, who serves Evergreen in the capacity of grave excavator, setting headstones, and pouring headstone foundations was discussed to do those same grave duties for Bushnell. Motion by Bliss, support by Fitzgerald to hire Laura Baker as Bushnell Township Sexton. Motion carried. Motion was then made by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to accept Greg Terry, contingent upon his acceptance of the offer and providing his liability certificate, as grave excavator, headstone setter and foundation pourer for the Township of Bushnell. Motion carried.

We discussed the need for a written ordinance for the Bushnell Township cemeteries. Evergreen Township brought a copy of their Township Cemetery Ordinance for our perusal. Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to make necessary revisions and adopt the offered ordinance. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments.

Motion by Bliss, support by Fitzgerald to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Belyou, Clerk