

**March 14, 2023**, Regular 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 present:** Dave Eberle, Attorney; 8 others

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

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to accept minutes Jan 10, reg. mtg. Carried.

Motion Fitzgerald, support Draper approve payment of \$15,374.08 for checks #5316 – #5332 paid for 1/1/23 – 2/14/23 invoices. Carried.

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to accept treasurer's report with \$211,785.51 balance. Carried.

Mark Sabin from Montcalm Solid Waste was introduced. He explained the use of a compactor at recycle sites. He asked if the board would be able to consider a one-time donation of \$5,000 or less to help the department put at least one compactor at each site. He had hand-outs with special days sponsored by the department: **May 6 – Tire Recycle Day: May 20 – Household Hazardous**

Alissa Hirkaway from 911 was introduced. She informed the board of the upcoming May 2, election to approve the current \$2.85 per month with an additional \$.15 per month, bringing a \$3.00 total charge which appears on our monthly phone bills. The money stays in our county.

Supervisor Smith handed out County Commissioner Mahar's report which he had been sent by email.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident Dan Vogl thanked the Board for the care and time we put forth for the Township; Dean Whitmore had a question regarding the **Request For Quote (RFQ)** sent by the board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Engineering RFQ went to 6 firms – had one call from Fleis & VandenBrink – no form – no others.
- B. Sheridan Community Fire Authority update; Motion by Bliss, support by Draper to have Smith represent Bushnell. Carried. Motion by Draper, support by Bliss to have Mike Fitzgerald be alternate representative. Carried
- C. Draft Wind Ordinance was discussed. Questions arose, ie. 300' tip – 100' blade – Section 4, permit, how long? – Revoke? Will be on website, and will be discussed at regular May board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to make budget amendments,  
move \$71,203.32 from beginning balance to general fund,  
move ARPA \$124,056.62 to general fund, and  
total budget expense amendments = \$199,259.94. Approved

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to hold a special meeting on March 28 at 6 pm to work on budget and other necessary matters and hold a budget hearing at 6:15 pm. Carried.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to hold special meeting on April 11 at 6 pm to study proposed Road Commission Contracts and discuss township hall improvements. Carried.

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to retain Buddy Deacons as Sexton. Carried.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to retain Brandon Breen for lawn care. Carried.

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to retain Kerkstra for Porta-Jon supply. Carried.

Motion by Draper, support by Fitzgerald to retain Patrick McCarty as website manager with a \$1,095.91 charge. Carried.

Motion by Fitzgerald, support by Draper to retain Bloom Sluggett, PC as township attorneys. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted, Louise Belyou, Clerk