

March 12, 2024, Regular Bushnell Twp Board meeting called to order at 6 pm at Bushnell Township Hall by Supervisor Christopher Smith with pledge of allegiance.

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

Others: Shaydon Weaver, Twp. Atty; Laura Baker, Sexton; DTE Jeff Haines & Atty Emily Palacios; Mr. & Mrs. John Jones; Peter Sinclair;

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

Motion Fitzgerald, support Draper to approve DTE Solar Permit, subject to anticipated MDOT approval, for revised location of access drive on Carson City Road (M-57).

Ayes: P.Draper; M.Fitzgerald; K.Bliss; L.Belyou; C.Smith; Nays: none; Absent/Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Draper, support Fitzgerald to approve minutes of February 13, 2024 regular meeting. Approved.

Motion Fitzgerald, support Draper to approve payment of checks #5780-5795 in the amount of \$10,129.13 written February 1- February 20, 2024. Carried.

Motion by Draper, support Fitzgerald to *continue Early Voting (EV) for State and Federal elections* as established, with *Montcalm County Clerk directing*. Motion approved.

Motion Fitzgerald, support Draper to accept Treasurer's report as presented with a \$126,684.40 balance. Motion carried.

Motion by Draper, support Fitzgerald to purchase upgraded computer to replace old one used by Treasurer that will allow facilitation of programs mandated by State. Approved.

Cemetery report by Sexton Laura Baker. Will get quotes for water pumps and fencing for Maple Ridge and Sunny Hill Cemeteries. Board will clarify if these items may be bought with perpetual care monies.

Supervisor Smith apprised the board that Montcalm Road Commission wants to see if they can get \$2-\$3 million for the roads, etc of each township in the county.

Motion Fitzgerald, support Draper to have a **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, March 28, at 6:00pm** to work on the *proposed 2024/2025 budget* and *any other necessary business* and to have **BUDGET HEARING Thursday, March 28, at 6:15pm**. Approved.

Motion by Draper, support Fitzgerald to *raise mileage rate* from *35c/mi. to 50c/mi.* Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: P.Sinclair complimented and thanked board for dedication and concern for township constituents when making decisions.

Motion Fitzgerald, support Draper to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Belyou, Clerk