



**SPECIAL JOINT WATER/SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN
AND BUCHANAN TOWNSHIP
MONDAY, JANUARY 09, 2023 – 7:00 AM
CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI**

MINUTES

THE JOINT WATER SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN AND BUCHANAN TOWNSHIP, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting to be held in the Chamber of Buchanan City Hall.

* Comments may be submitted in writing at least 72 hours in advance to the City Clerk at clerk@cityofbuchanan.com

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Gordon at 7:09 A.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call

Present: Chairman/Buchanan Township Trustee, Thomas Gordon; Buchanan Township Supervisor, Mindy Cole-Crocker; City Commissioner, Patrick Swem; City Commissioner, Dan Vigansky

City Staff: City Manager, Heather Grace; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Wastewater Operator in Charge, Andy Warner; Water Operator in Charge, Craig Miller.

Guest: Anton Lockett owner of twelve-2-fifteen

IV. Approve Agenda

Motion made by Cole-Crocker, supported by Vigansky to approve the presented agenda. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

V. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

None

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion and clarification about the single lift station/infrastructure at fifteen-2-twelve restaurant.

Mr. Lockett called for a special meeting to review and see if the pump station is up to standard to open said restaurant. The pumps are the original pumps, which were tested and found to be in working order. The entire piping has been rebuilt, added new floats, and wiring to the floats. Redid the electrical to the box. The alarm was tested to the building as well as the panel at the bottom. The sound is low, and the replacement buzzer is coming in. Gordon was asked to put a report together on the behalf of Lockett on the status of the lift station (**See attachment A**). Gordon reported his findings to the JWSB and his personal recommendations.

Concerns were raised about the emergency callouts. Lockett informed the board that the call out goes to his cell phone. Lockett is willing to add a city number for emergency.

The future success to this lift station is the maintenance of the station and grease management. Lockett informed that Brunke Plumbing, Hein Electric, and Wansaco Wastewater will be doing periodic checks. Grace expressed administratively the city would seek written documentation on

the initial checks for the lift station. As well as a plan if something were to go wrong with the lift station. A third party with credentials to sign off on the lift station that it is in good working order.

Suggestion from Vigansky to get an agreement between the city and Lockett, and let the lift station come back online. Going against the recommendation of the city manager, this matter needs to be presented to the City Commission for further discussion and decision.

The board discussed the lift station at length with city staff and Mr. Lockett.

Graces recommendation is that the operator in charge would need to give the go ahead for the system to come back online. Grace will be reaching out to John from Michigan Rural Water to get his opinion since John is the contracted license operator in charge.

Grace is also asking for information on who the actual owner of the lift station. The easements and other documents do not clearly state who owns it.

Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Cole-Crocker to have the City Commission to have discussion of the lift station, infrastructure, and ownership of fifteen-2-twelve restaurant at the January 9th Regular Meeting.

Yea: Gordon, Cole-Crocker, Vigansky

Nay: None

Abstain: Swem

Motion Carries.

Motion made by Gordon to have the city contact the OIC to get his review of the situation, to find a path forward.

Yea: Gordon, Cole-Crocker, Vigansky

Abstain: Swem

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Gordon Adjourn the meeting at 8:14 A.M.