

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2018

Call-to-order 7 P.M. by Supervisor Gary Smith. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of Officers: Present—Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney, Trustee Chris Brenner, Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Eileen VanVleet, Velma Cole, Junior Cole, Rod Olney, Jim Webb, Erica Ewers and Gary Hammontree.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to **approve July 2018 minutes**. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report-Deb Bracy. General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/18 \$63,626.78. Transfer in from Tax Account: \$34,789.97. Receipts: \$26,070.54. Expenditures: \$ (83,489.46). Balance @ 7/31/18 \$40,997.83. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/18 \$870.22. Receipts: \$17.33. Expenditures: \$ (45.46). Balance @ 7/31/18 \$842.09. Total cash-on-hand \$ 41,839.92. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report by Hammontree/Brenner. Approved.

Accounts Payable-Deb Bracy. Motion by Olney/Hammontree to approve bills be paid. Approved.

Check #	Payee	Reason	Amount
5774	Branch County Treasurer	B-O-R Changes July 2018	\$ 27.81
5775	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1100.00
5776	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service	725.00
5777	Branch County Clerk	Election Programming/Public Notice	346.88
5778	Election Source	Election Prelim/Accuracy Testing	827.00
5779	Consumers Energy	Prepay--- Twp. Hall Electricity	250.00
5780	Coldwater Township	Accuracy Test Shared Public Notice	22.58
5781	Coldwater Daily Reporter	Zoning-Public Notices/Affidavits	380.50
5782	Linda Hammontree	8/7/2018- Election Inspector’s Meal	27.31
5783	Betty Geer-Chr.	Primary Election Inspector Wages	175.00
5784	Dorothy Frick	“ “ “ “	144.00
5785	Janis Olney	“ “ “ “	153.00
5786	Sue Knapp	“ “ “ “	144.00
Debit Memo	Century Bank & Trust	Township Check Order	+ 239.27
Total of Checks			=\$4562.35

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Residential Sales study finalized with Equalization August 17th, with tentative increase of 4.4%. The new manual corrections, at this time, are: Wooden cribs are back and no longer called "Reserve Buildings", and Mobile homes are coming through as "Mobile Homes", not stick built. Data entry is caught up, including all land splits/combinations. One tax payer review and adjustment. Permits sorted and ready to go. Continuing collection of data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract and Title offices. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve the Assessor's Report. Approved.

Zoning Administration Report-Jim Webb. 1 Land Split, and \$225 in permit fees taken in with issuance of: 1) 1 new barn 2) 1 garage w/breezeway 3) 1 new home w/garage, handed over to Treasurer for deposit. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve the Zoning Administrator report. Approved.

2018 Quincy Fire Board Capital Plan: Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve \$2850 amount for Butler Township's 2018 share of Quincy Fire Association's Ten Year Capital Improvement plan. 4 AYE 1 NAY. Approved.

2018 Zoning Board of Appeals appointments: Motion by Hammontree/Olney to approve appointments of Chris Brenner, Eileen VanVleet, Gil Kelly, J.A. Cole and Rod Olney for 3 year terms to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Approved.

Review of August 2018 Ballot Proposal: Butler Township millage proposal defeated at the August 2018 Primary Election. Options, of placing on a ballot next year, appear to be nonexistent.

Other matters: Open complaint on brush/dirt pile at Dayburg Cemetery. Plans are in the works to burn when weather permits. Questions and concern over whether Litchfield Fire Department was properly toned out on recent fire on Crandell/Clarendon Rds. Fire. Complaint of ornate Quincy Fire Dept. brushfire truck, on display at Branch County Fairgrounds. With the resignation of Jim Webb effective Nov. 1st, letters of interest/resumes to be accepted by the Twp. Board for the Zoning Administrator position.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____

