

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

April 22, 2024

Call-to-Order 7:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present--Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Christopher Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Erica Ewers, Eileen VanVleet, Beth Brenner, Alan McClellan, Carmen Torbet, Velma Cole and Jeff Haines.

Public Participation: Jennifer Wortz stated her qualifications and desire to run for State Representative of 35th District. Fred Blankenship stated his qualifications and desire to run for Branch County Sheriff.

Motion by Brenner/Olney **to approve March 2024 minutes and place on file.** Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$218,201.17. Receipts: \$ 175,279.87. Transfer from ARPA: \$ (-0-) Transfer from Tax Account \$ 63,590.27. Expenditures: \$ (221,104.19). Balance @ 3/31/24 \$235,967.12. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$945.08. Receipts: \$ 1.75. Expenditures: \$ (-0-). Balance @ 2/29/24 \$946.83. Total cash on hand: \$240,275.21. **Motion** by Brenner/Hammontree **to accept Treasurer's Report.** Motion carried.

Accounts Payable-Deb Bracy: Motion by Olney/Brenner **to approve bills be paid.** Motion carried.

Check #	Payee	Reason	Amount
6590	John Hancock	Balance and 3 Month Participation fees (5)	\$ 150.00
6591	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6592	Linda Hammontree	Stamps	121.00
6593	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance & Cemetery Tree trimming	1850.00
6594	Litchfield Fire Department	3 rd Qtr. Fire Protection	2496.58
6595	BS&A Software	Tax system support (5/1/24 through 5/1/25)	+ 738.00
Total of bills paid =			\$6392,75

Commissioner's Report-Alan McClellan:Commission on Aging renewal language to be on the August 2024 ballot. Public hearing set for 4/23/24 concerning Off Road Vehicle remedies.

Zoning Report-Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter. Permits: **#0138** Zachary Whaley 987 Clarendon Road, new 12' X 40 pre-built shed--\$50 permit fee collected. Permit # **0139** Monroe Wickey 1126 Clarendon Road, new 44 X 80 calf barn w/12 X 30 concrete floor--\$50 permit fee collected. Permit **#0140** Kristine Inman 749 King Road, new 22 X 28 steel bldg. w/12 X 28 lean-to & crushed stone floor \$50 fee collected. **Planning Commission (WESC)** Wind Energy Systems language Public Hearing set for May 29, 2024 7 P.M. **Land Split** - Berneta Crandall, 1232 Litchfield Rd., 4.5 acre from 18.98 existing parent parcel. Violation complaints: Anna & Damian Lopresto, 1184 Clarendon, notices sent 8/01/23. Tickets to be issued for court appearance. No court action taken. 4 Non-Compliance. Complete report on file. **Motion** by Olney/Hammontree **to approve report.** Motion carried.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: STC Hearing 4/3/24 approval given to omitted property petition filed 8/10/23, copies forwarded to all taxing entities. Remaining Veteran Exemption received and approved. Database rolled over 4/6 and initiated the retired parcels as inactive. Picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis. **Motion** by Hammontree/Olney to approve Assessor's Report. Motion carried.

Tekonsha Fire Department report presented by Gary Smith and report is on file.

Other matters: DMCI letter from Dave Cleveland ensuring the Township that DMCI plans to provide Internet coverage for areas left out by Frontier. Supervisor Smith will invite Dave Cleveland to meet with the Township Board, to answer questions about the county-wide Internet provisions. Accident Fund Audit completed by Treasurer. Check # 13848 George White Funeral Home (Eagle) \$125 for 4/22/24 cremains burial (Coy Wise) at Whig Cemetery, handed over to Treasurer for deposit. May monthly meeting to be held early, 5/20/2024, due to Memorial Day on the 4th Monday.

Meeting adjourned: 7:24 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda D. Hammontree

Supervisor _____

