

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 24, 2017

Call-to-Order by Supervisor Gary Smith at 7 P.M.

Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to open Public Hearing on Large Scale Solar System Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Approved. Open forum with discussion of Zoning Ordinance for Large Scale Solar Systems. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to Close the Public Hearing on Large Scale Solar System Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance. **ROLL CALL:** Present - Trustee Chris Brenner, Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney, Clerk Linda Hammontree. All present, none absent. Others present: Gary VanPatten, Vern Geer, Betty Geer, Mike Rafferty, Cori Worden, Kathy Weigt, Steve Weigt, Trent Arver, Gerrick Myland, Jim Webb, Eileen VanVleet, J.A. Cole and Gary Hammontree.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve Mar. 2017 minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: **General Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/16 \$80,506.38. Receipts: \$158,588.76. Expenditures: \$(145,004.34). Balance @ 3/31/17 \$94,090.80. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/16 \$850.04. Receipts: \$13.13. Expenditures: \$ (-0-). Balance @ 3/31/17 \$863.17. Total cash-on-hand \$94,953.97. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Olney/Hammontree. Approved.

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

Check #	Payee	Reason	Amount
5589	VOID		
5590	John Hancock	3 mo. pension Participant Fees	\$ 37.50
5591	Consumer's Energy	Payment Twp. Hall Electricity	200.00
5592	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	715.83
5593	Shopper's Guide	Public Notice-Annual Meeting	35.70
5594	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1100.00
5595	Coldwater Daily Reporter	Affidavit/Public Notice-Annual Meeting	144.00
5596	Gilbert Kelly	Mar. 27 th Zoning Board of Appeals	13.85
5597	Autumn Ivey	" " " "	13.85
5598	Chris Brenner	" " " "	+ 13.85
Total of Bills paid			= \$2274.58

Zoning Board of Appeals: Filling out the term of outgoing Autumn Ivey, Eileen VanVleet was sworn in as replacement ZBA member. Term expires Dec. 2018.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Equalization approved data for 2017. Database rolled over to 2018 on April 23. Continuing collection of data from Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract and Title Offices.

ZBA Report-Jim Webb: 6 permits issued. One land split approved by the ZBA. Review of Solar Zoning Ordinance.

Large Scale Solar Farm Zoning Ordinance: Motion to adopt a Large Scale Solar Systems Ordinance by Olney/Bracy. Approved.

Tekonsha Fire Department 2017-2018 Contract: Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve a \$5000 - 1 year Contract with Tekonsha Fire Department for 2017-2018 fire protection (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) for sections 4,5,6,7,8,9,16,17, and 18. Approved.

Quincy Fire Assn. Report: Approved \$3500 for purchase of used vehicle for Fire Chief. Millage proposals for Fire Protection is up to the individual Townships.

Dust Control: Vendor JLM Tank and Truck Service backed out of 2017 offer of service. Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to accept JLM Tank Truck Service denial of service for 2017 Dust Control. Approved. New bid by Michigan Mineral Resources, LLC of 11 cents per mile = \$12.375 cost for 1 application of 3000 gallons per mile for 37.5 miles of Twp. gravel roads (1 time application). Motion by Bracy/Hammontree to accept \$12,375 Michigan Mineral Resources bid for 2017 Dust Control. Approved.

Branch County Road Commission: Trent Arver and Gerrick Myland gave a presentation of evaluations/recommendations on Twp. roads, with a 10 year strategy for repair and maintenance.

2017 Road Projects: Motion by Smith/Bracy to approve \$36,130.25 contract with Branch County Road Commission for 1.26 mi. gravel (\$18,417.12) Burbank Road – Butler Rd. to Curtis Rd. and 1.0 mile gravel (\$17,713.13) Crandall Road – Ely Rd. to County Line Rd. Approved.

Other matters: Review of MTPP (Michigan Township Participation Plan): Update Twp. Hall Lease agreement and recommendation of Cemetery grave Open/Closing payments to go to Twp., then payment made to Sexton.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

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