

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 22, 2019**

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: PRESENT-Supervisor Gary Smith, Trustee Chris Brenner, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. Others present: Matt Ashenfelter, Billie and John Pollack, Velma and J.A. Cole, Erica Ewers, Gary Hammontree and Greg Moore.

Motion by Brenner/Smith to approve March 2019 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: \$140,738.89. Expenditures: \$(170,843.86). Balance @ 3/31/19 \$68,311.78. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/18 \$870.22. Receipts: \$42.97. Expenditures: \$(45.46). Balance @ 3/31/19 \$867.73. Total cash-on-hand \$69,179.51. Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5865	Horton Law Office, PC	Legal Consult (Phone) Fire Contract	\$ 80.00
5866	Consumers Energy	Twp. Hall Electricity	250.00
5867	Quincy Fire Association	1 st Qtr. Fire Protection+Capital Budget	12435.50
5868	Branch County Road Comm.	50% Payment 2019 Road Projects	9396.40
5869	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service +Public Notice/Supplies	1546.33
5870	Coldwater Daily Reporter	Annual Budget Meeting Pub.Notice	79.50
5871	Linda Hammontree	Postage	55.00
5872	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance & Full Burial Wages	+ 1400.00
Total of bills paid =			\$25,242.73

Branch County Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollock: New jail progress in designing, surveying and soil boring, with the Old jail continuing to need repairs. Funding increase to provide 4 days of Special Traffic Patrols this summer. Twp. Activity: 19 Complaints, 1 Assist, 3 Accidents, 3 Warrants, 17 Traffic stops. Drug Drop Off activity: 52 lbs. collected in March.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Data base rolled over to 2020 and software updated to include March/April changes. Beginning data entry on deeds and continued filing. April 17th took a 2 hour Webinar Class on Personal Property Assessments associated with Medical Marihuana Facilities, from the International Assn. of Assessing Officers. Continued collection of data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract + Title Office.

Zoning Administrator Report-Matt Ashenfelter: 6 permits issued, with \$250 in permit fees and \$50 Land Split fee, handed over to Treasurer for deposit. 1 land split, 1 site visit, and 2 violations. Motion by Smith/Bracy to approve Zoning Administrator Report. Approved.

Ordinance 01-2019: Motion by Bracy/Brenner to adopt Ordinance 01-2019 Butler Township 30 year Lease Agreement with Consumers Energy. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Ordinance declared adopted.

Ordinance 02-2019: Motion by Olney/Hammontree to adopt Ordinance 02-2019 to Prohibit the location of any Recreational Marijuana establishment within the boundaries of the Township of Butler. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Ordinance declared adopted.

2019-2020 Litchfield Fire Service Contract: Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve 7/01/2019 to 6/30/2020 Fire Service Contract, provided by Litchfield Fire Department, with Litchfield Fire Board in the amount of \$9,963 for (9) sections 1,2,3,10,11,12,13,14, + 24. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy NAY Olney NAY Hammontree AYE. Motion passed.

2019-2020 Tekonsha Twp. Fire Service Contract: Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020 Fire Service Contract, provided by Tekonsha Fire Department, with Tekonsha Township in the amount of \$5,250. For (9) sections 4,5,6,7,8,9,16,17, +18. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy NAY Olney NAY Hammontree AYE. Motion passed.

Cemetery Update-Gary Smith: Thanks to all that helped with Cemetery Clean-up Day. Lance Wisner provided extra helper and heavy equipment to haul away cleared brush. Old flower arrangements, etc. were disposed of properly to landfill. Lance Wisner has agreed to take over the Headstone Repair Project.

Other Matters: Concerns of gravel repair needs for Burbank Road, between Litchfield + Herricksville Rds. Check#13607 (\$300 Eagle Funeral Home-Whig Burial) and Check#8075 (\$250 Keeton Gravesite purchase-Whig Cemetery) handed over to Treasurer for deposit. Discussed need for Internet service at Twp. Hall for Elections and Clean up of Furnace Closet (Bat Dung).

Meeting adjourned 8 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____