

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
AUG. 26, 2019**

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of Officers-Present: Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Matt Ashenfelter, Eileen VanVleet, Erica Ewers, Velma and J.A. Cole, Rod Olney, Mike Hard, and Billie and John Pollack.

Motion by Brenner/Bracy to approve the July 2019 minutes. Approved.

Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack: New K-9 contraband unit. Fair Week: 2 Arrests and some cattle let out one night. Several local vehicle break-ins, with residents recommended to lock vehicles and park in well-lit areas. Dive team had a joint training session with 5th District Dive team, working with drones and on coordinating techniques. 36 Twp. complaints. 2019 "Drop-off" drug program has yielded 356 lbs. of expired or unneeded drugs. Complete report on file.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy. General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$68,311.78. Receipts: \$52,112.97. Expenditures: \$(70,296.58). Balance @ 7/31/19 \$50,128.17. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$867.73. Receipts: \$ -0-. Expenditures: \$(15.90). Balance @ 7/31/19 \$851.83. Total cash-on-hand \$50,980.00. **Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve Treasurer's Report. Approved.**

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5920	Area One Lawn Care	1 Burial & Lawn Maintenance	\$ 1400.00
5921	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service	872.00
5922	Martin Lepper Signs	3 Twp. Cemetery Entrance Road Signs	1340.00
5923	Coldwater Daily Reporter	Election Public notices	352.50
5924	Election Source	Preliminary/Accuracy Testing for August Election	440.00
5925	Betty Geer-Chairperson	Inspector Wages for Aug. 2019 Election	170.00
5926	Sue Knapp-Inspector	" " " "	153.00
5927	Eileen VanVleet-Inspector	" " " "	153.00
5928	Johanna Kelly-Inspector	" " " "	148.50
5929	John Hancock	Twp. Board Retirement Benefits	+ 4500.00
Total of bills paid			= \$ 9529.00

Zoning Administrator Report-Matt Ashenfelter: VanPatten ZBA Variance hearing scheduled for Sept. 12, 2019 7 P.M.-Twp. Hall. Request for Board approval to commence sending out Abandoned Vehicle/Junk violation Audit Letter. Motion by Smith/Olney to approve the commencement of sending out Audit Letter for Abandoned Vehicle/Junk violations. Approved. 3 permits issued....Garage \$50...Deck \$25....Pole barn addition \$50. \$225 fee for ZBA hearing, for VanPatten set-back variance request. **Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve Zoning Report. Approved.**

Branch County Drain Commissioner's Report-Mike Hard: Discussed the Notification of the Determination of Necessity for maintenance + improvement of the Lindsey Intercounty Drain and the Township's estimate of assessment amounts. Complete report on file.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: A Michigan Tax Tribunal, in person, hearing to be Sept. 19, 2019 for appeal by American Tower Corp. Site #272649, 2:30 PM. at the Calhoun County Courthouse, in Marshall Mi. County Residential Sales Study finalized at 51.08. 1 response to Principal Residence Exemption letters sent. Dec. 10th Board-of-Review scheduled. Data entry up to date. Continued picking up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract + Title office. **Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve Assessor's Report. Approved.**

Branch County Road Commission Report-Gary Smith: Robinson Road project completed.
Bat Elimination Report-Gary Smith: Bat elimination and preventative treatment scheduled for Aug. 28 (Wednesday).

Other matters: Check#15309 \$111.49 from MTPP, replacement check for stale Check#515247 and Check#14023 \$300 from Eagle Funeral Home for burial at Whig Cemetery. \$1455 reimbursement expected from 911 Central Dispatch and BATA for August 2019 Election. Need for a new laptop computer for Elections (E-Pollbook) discussed. **Motion by Bracy/Olney to approve purchase of laptop for Elections (EPB), with a cap expense of \$1000. Approved.**

Meeting **adjourned 8 P.M.**

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor_____