

## Butler Township Monthly Board Meeting

Aug. 22, 2022

Call to Order 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. **Roll Call** of Officers—Present: Supervisor Gary Smith, Trustee Chris Brenner, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. Others present: Erica Ewers, Gary Hammontree, Velma and J.A. Cole, Matt Ashenfelter, Eileen VanVleet, Donna Swanson, Joseph Lengacher, and Billie and John Pollack.

Brenner/Olney **motion to approve July 2022 minutes** and placed on file. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**-Deb Bracy. **General Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/22 \$155,892.08.

Receipts: \$60,150.25. Transfer from ARPA \$ -0-. Transfer from Tax Account \$ -0-.

Expenditures: \$(110,949.81). Balance @ 7/31/22 \$105,092.52. **ARPA Account:** \$81,890.97.

**Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/22 \$933.73. Receipts: \$-0- .

Expenditures: \$(-0-). Balance @ 7/31/22 \$933.73. Total cash-on-hand \$187,917.22. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

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

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6364	Coldwater Township	Public Notices Registration/Accuracy Tests	\$ 34.63
6365	-----VOID-----	-----VOID-----	VOID
6366	Branch County Clerk	Election Public Notice & Programming	394.74
6367	Wolfingers Hardware Inc.	Paint+Stain for windows and ramp	101.29
6368	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1250.00
6369	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1033.67
6370	Colden Company, Inc	Computer Assistance	60.00
6371	Linda Hammontree	8/2/22 Election Workers Meal	31.28
6372	Donna Swanson-Election Chr.	Training/Certification + Election Day	280.00
6373	Jeanette Strauss	Certification/Training/Accuracy Test+Election Day	136.50
6374	Eileen VanVleet	“ “ “ “	260.00
6375	Betty Geer	Certification and Training	32.50
6376	-----VOID-----	-----VOID-----	VOID
6377	Phylliss Laurell	Certification/Training/Accuracy Test + Election Day	182.00
6378	Dorothy Frick	“ “ and Election Day	110.50
6379	Johanna Kelly	“ “ and Election Day	234.00
6380	Neil Doty	Paint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Story Windows and Stain Ramp	+ 600.00
Total of bills paid =			\$ 4741.11

**Branch County Sheriff’s Report** – Sheriff John Pollack: Corrections Officer being added, Marihuana funds used for 2-tier payroll. Increased catalytic converter thefts reported. Triple fatality crash utilized all available crew. Drug-drop off totals 145 lbs., to date.

**Assessor’s Report**-Erica Ewers: Tax Preparation Update: BS&A Tax Program loaded on computer; Requested copy of summer database from County; Have read tax manual; Working to coordinate with BS&A + rest of township officials for an on-line tax training class specific to Branch County needs—proposal signed and submitted on Aug. 15; coordinating with the drain

commission office; been receiving the L4029's from Linda. Sales Study received from Equalization. Attended a 4-hour on-line Assessors' renewal class, w/6 hrs. remaining. Data entry continuing and entered splits as well as continuing to pick up items at Equalization and the Abstract office. Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve the Assessor's Report. Motion carried.

(PA-116) **Resolution 2022-01** for a Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement –WITH PRE-EXISTING STRUCTURE--. Motion by Deb Bracy/Chris Brenner to approve Resolution 2022-01 Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement # 12-62930-123139, Joseph and Susanna Lengacher. ROLL CALL VOTE Smith AYE Brenner AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. \_5 AYE 0 NAY. Resolution declared adopted.

**Zoning Admin. Report**-Matt Ashenfelter: Permit #0088 Michael Bracy, QuincyGrange Rd. – Commercial Sign request – Denied, no fee. **Land Split** - Levi Graber 781 N. Briggs Rd., 2 acre for existing Amish School (ZBA Approved) \$50 fee collected. ZBA hearing (**to be determined**) for Michael Bracy/Refuge Coffee House QuincyGrange Rd., Commercial signs AG district, section 11.07A Zoning Ordinance interpretation- \$225 fee collected. **Violation complaints:** 2<sup>nd</sup> notice sent unlawful commercial sign to Mike and Dawn Bracy/Refuge Coffee , ZBA application in process. **Non-Compliance** Damian Lopresto, 1184 Clarendon Rd. Motion by Smith/Hammontree to rescind Attorney process on Lopresto Non-Compliance. ROLL CALL VOTE: Smith AYE Brenner NAY Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. Motion carried. Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve Zoning Report. Motion carried. Complete report on file.

**Litchfield Fire Dept. Report**-Trustee Chris Brenner: 3.5% of budget used, to date. Ladder truck fired up and ready to use, pending approval. Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve Litchfield Fire Report. Motion carried.

**Other Matters: Twp. Hall table and chair rental policy. Motion by Smith/Olney that rented Twp. tables be replaced (by renter), with a new table, if damaged when returned. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:00P.M**

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

**Supervisor**\_\_\_\_\_

