

# BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

August 26, 2024

**Call-to-Order** 7:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present--Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Christopher Brenner and Clerk Linda Hammontree. Trustee Janis Olney absent. Others present: Erica Ewers, Eileen VanVleet, Velma Cole, Jeff Haines, Billie and John Pollack, Matt Ashenfelter and Donna Swanson.

**Motion** by Brenner/Bracy **to accept the July 2024 minutes and place on file.** Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack:** Old Jail 100% down, cleanup in process. Night Patrol-6 new Deputies. Butler Township # of complaints-157. Drug drop off YTD-382 lbs. Complete report on file.

**Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/24 \$235,967.12. Receipts: \$ 60,328.02. Transfer from ARPA: \$ (-0-) Transfer from Tax Account \$ (-0-) . Expenditures: \$ (78,142.73). Balance @ 7/31/24 \$218,152.41. **ARPA Account** balance \$3,361.26. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/24 \$946.83. Receipts: \$ .58 . Expenditures: \$ (73.01). Balance @ 7/31/24 \$874.40. Total cash on hand: \$222,388.07. **Motion** by Brenner/Hammontree **to accept Treasurer's Report.** Motion carried.

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

Check #	Payee	Reason	Amount
6640	Branch County Treasurer	Supplies for 2024 Summer Taxes	\$ 127.34
6641	Deborah Bracy	Postage – Audit Info.	33.75
6642	Apex Software	Assessor Portal Site Fee 9/1/24 to 9/1/25	1000.00
6643	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1400.00
6644	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6645	Gannett Michigan	Special Use Public Hearing Notice	205.35
6646	City of Coldwater	GIS Usage Fee 7/1/24 to 6/30/25	1500.00
6647	Coldwater Township	Shared Public Notice - Registration&Accuracy Test	37.21
6648	Carmen Torbet	Election Inspector Wages - Aug. Primary Election	266.00
6649	Betty Geer	“ “ “ “ “ “	238.00
6650	Kim Carlisle	“ “ “ “ “ “	45.50
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6652	Eileen VanVleet	Election Inspector Wages-Aug. Primary Election	247.00
6653	Dorothy Frick	“ “ “ “ “ “	+ 214.50

**Total of bills paid = \$ 6351.82**

**Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers:** Blankenship Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal teleconference scheduled for 10/17/24 4P.M. December B-O-R scheduled for 12/10/24 at 9 a.m. New computer arrived and slowly converting everything on to it. Data entry and land splits caught up. State approved and scheduled 16 hrs. of assessor renewal credits to be held in Coldwater. Picking up data from Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis. **Motion** by Hammontree/Bracy **to approve Assessor's Report.** Motion carried.

**Zoning Report-Matt Ashenfelter:** 1 permit issued to Marcus Graber-955 Butler Road, 40 X 50 addition to barn and 24 X 27 addition to existing barn, \$50 permit fee collected. Planning Commission denied Special Use request, hearing date 8/1/24 , Robin and Michael Fullbright-1049 Brookwood Drive, for allowance of keeping/raising farm animals in a R-2 district. DTE request for Planning Commission approval for Cold Creek Solar Project (192.08 acres in Butler Township) Hearing Date to be determined, \$225 application fee collected. 10 acre Ag split from an 88.8 acre farm, Roy and Michelle Heminger - 1259 Litchfield Road, \$50 fee collected. Violations: Anna & Damian Lopresto-1184 Clarendon Road, notices sent 8/1/23 for Junk Violation. No Court action taken. **Motion** by Hammontree/Bracy **to approve Zoning Report.** Motion carried.

**ZBA 2024 appointments:** Motion by Bracy/Hammontree to accept 3 yr. appointments of Chris Brenner, Eileen VanVleet, Tom Waltke and Rod Olney to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Tekonsha Fire Department request: Due to Tekonsha Fire Department's ambulance runs in Butler Township, they have requested a contribution of \$2500 to offset increased said ambulance service. Motion by Smith/Brenner to approve contribution of \$2500, for increased ambulance service, to the Tekonsha Fire Department. Roll Call Vote: Brenner **AYE** Smith **AYE** Bracy **AYE** Olney (absent) Hammontree **AYE**. With 4 **AYE** 0 **NAY** (1 absent), the motion was declared passed.

Litchfield Fire Department report-Chris Brenner: Due to Increased Insurance Premiums, Butler and Scipio Townships can expect a 10% contract increase, at next renewal. Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve Litchfield Fire Department report. Motion carried.

Other matters: Pothole complaints. \$25 Junk permit fee 2024-2025 for Frick Auto Repair and Towing, check # 4493, to Treasurer for deposit.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

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