

Butler Township Board Meeting  
 Aug. 26, 2013 Butler Township Hall

**Call-to-Order** 7 P.M. by Supervisor Reggie Ivey. Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Supervisor Reggie Ivey, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney, Treasurer Deborah Bracy, and Clerk Linda Hammontree. Others present: Rod Olney, Erica Ewers, Eileen VanVleet, James Webb, Barbara Hutchins, Loraine Jansen, Gary Hammontree, and Vern Geer.

Motion to approve **July 2013 minutes** by Brenner/Olney. Approved.

**Public Comment:** Resident Barbara Hutchins expressed concerns with Shooks’s Prairie Cemetery maintenance. She was advised to call Sexton Lance Wiser, to meet with him and share her observations. Clerk Hammontree will be prepared to bring maps, when a meeting is set up.

**Commissioner’s Report**-Rod Olney: Branch County is considering a joint resolution with Branch Co. Road Commission, for road repair funding, urging State Legislators to make necessary investments. Specific support being the 1% increase on Sales Tax, to be distributed per Act 51. Indiana Northeastern Rail Line to be taken up and land returned to interested adjacent landowners.

**Assessor’s Report**-Erica Ewers: Review of new construction to start in September and Special Assessments due to County Treasurer, in September. Data entry and filing continues. Bi-monthly collection of data from Equalization, Building Inspection, and Register of Deeds offices. Property Transfer Affidavits and Principal Residence Exemptions picked up once a month, at Branch County Abstract and Title office.

County Equalization interested in Township opinion on adding more property tax information to the County (BSA Software) Assessing Services website. Township Board to review examples provided.

**Treasurer’s Report**-Deborah Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/13 \$54,910.33. Receipts: \$47,276.33. Expenditures \$(70,579.09). Balance @ 7/31/13 \$31,607.57. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/13 \$909.10. Receipts: \$7.02. Expenditures: \$(44.46). Balance @ 7/31/13 \$871.66. Total cash-on-hand \$32,479.23. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report by Ivey/Hammontree. Approved.

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

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EFTPS	PNC	Medicare 941 Deposit	\$ 71.62
EFTPS	PNC	“ “	39.71
5131	Branch Co. Treasurer	B-O-R MTT Correction	19.17
5132	Consumer’s Power	Township Hall Electric Serv.	200.00
5133	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1100.00
5134	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	645.00
Debit Memo	Century Bank	Service Charge	+ 11.86
Total of Bills Paid =			\$2087.36

**Quincy Fire Report**-Janis Olney: New purchasing policy set in place and 2 new firefighters hired. A "Wellness Program" for firefighters presented, consisting of a proposed \$5000 1 year contract with AIP Fitness L.C. Also, a proposed Quincy Fire Assn. study (by a Mr. Robert Pressler) at a cost of \$7,500, to be reviewed.

Other matters: State of Michigan Liquor Control questionnaire presented to the Board, by Deborah Bracy, concerning grant monies. December 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter discussed, to go out with Winter Tax bills. Get info to Reggie Ivey.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree