

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JULY 24, 2017**

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. by Supervisor Gary Smith. Pledge of Allegiance. Officer Roll Call: PRESENT-Supervisor Gary Smith, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney, Treasurer Deb Bracy and Clerk Linda Hammontree. Others present: Bill Wolfe, Jr., Don Reid, John Pollack, Erica Ewers, Eileen VanVleet, Gary Hammontree, Rod Olney, Michael Moore and Jim Webb.

Public Participation: Junk complaint for address: 1225 Clarendon Road. Zoning Administrator Jim Webb to determine owners of property and issue a Junk Ordinance letter.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve **June 2017 minutes**. Approved.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/17 \$94,090.79. Receipts: \$29,950.62. Expenditures: \$(67,490.44). Balance @ 6/30/17 \$56,550.97. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/17 \$863.17. Receipts: \$ -0- . Expenditures: \$ (19.08). Balance @ 6/30/17 \$844.09. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Hammontree/Brenner. Approved.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5631	City of Coldwater	GIS Data Service 2017-2018	\$1500.00
5632	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service	715.83
5633	Baker Lawn Care, LLC	Whig Monument Foundation	504.00
5634	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1100.00
5635	Shopper's Guide	Fire Protection Public Notice	35.70
5636	John Hancock	Pension Participant Fees	150.00
5637	Coldwater Daily Reporter-	Fire Protection Pub.Notice	86.00
5638	Tekonsha Village	2017-2018 Fire Protection	5000.00
5639	Litchfield Fire Dept.	1 st Quarter Fire Protection	+1875.00
Total of bills paid			= \$10,966.53

Branch County Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack: New phone system up and running. Golf cart problem around the lakes. The Posse Division has been

disbanded due to lack of interest. 5 female inmates moved to Calhoun County Jail. The HB4423 has stalled, putting on hold the grant enabling the hire of 3 deputies.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Board-of-Review met 7/18/17 and approved 12 petitions. 20 hours of Assessor required credits has been completed. Working on preliminary Twp. residential sales study. Data entry up to date and continuing to collect data from Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch county Abstract and Title offices. GIS contract up for renewal.

Litchfield Fire Dept. Report-Chris Brenner: 2017 budget at \$196,000.

Branch County Road Comm. Report-Gary Smith: Crandall and Burbank road projects should be complete by 8/7/17.

Cemetery Headstone Plan: George Baker will present a list of headstones to repair for Twp. approval.

GIS Contract: Motion by Smith/Bracy to approve contract with City of Coldwater and Coldwater Board of Public Utilities for 2017-2018 GIS data and services for \$1500. Approved.

Cemetery Volunteer Plan: Aug. 17 (Thursday) is set for Cemetery day, with volunteers meeting at Twp. Hall at 9 A.M. for clean-up work.

PA-116 Application: Motion by Hammontree/Smith to approve PA-116 application of Nathan and Rosie Eicher, 1286 Jonesville Rd., Quincy MI 49082 -60 acres for 10 yrs. Approved.

Other matters: \$25 cash (Twp. Hall table/chair rental-Reed), \$500 check#1014 (2 gravesites Whig-J. Elser), \$500 check#4000 (2 gravesites Dayburg-J&P Lindsey) handed over to Treasurer. Discussion on animal waste draining into ditch and into roadway (Butler Road). Supervisor Smith to talk to Trent Arver (Rd. Commission) about ditch. DEQ may be notified.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

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