Butler Township Monthly Board Meeting

July 25, 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, Tim Stoll, Steve Rutz, Connie Karney, Barb Rockhold, Don Reid, and Rod Olney.

Brenner/Hammontree motion to approve June 2022 minutes and placed on file. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy. General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/22 \$155,892.08. Receipts: \$48,168.00. Transfer from ARPA \$-0-. Transfer from Tax Account \$-0-. Expenditures: \$(82,830.12). Balance @ 6/30/22 \$121,229.96. ARPA Account: \$81,890.97. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/22 \$933.73. Receipts: \$-0-. Expenditures: \$(-0-). Balance @ 6/30/22 \$933.73. Total cash-on-hand \$204,054.66. Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith/Bracy to approve extra \$150 bid from Neil Doty overage charge for labor of Township Hall window painting (2nd story) and staining of ramp. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable- Motion by Olney/Bracy to approve bills be paid. Motion carried. Commissioner's Report-Tim Stoll: Broadband coverage for the County is still being discussed, with no resolution.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: July 12, 2022 e-mail from County Treasurer's office, stating the office will no longer prep or print the Township's tax bills. Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) year around changes to late filed personal property forms, rather than twice a year. July Board-of-Review (July 19, 2022) approved 2 valuation appeals and denied a poverty exemption, due to being over the income allotment. 7 petitions were removed from the JBOR, due to PRE change in processing. Data entry is continuing as is picking up items at Equalization and the Abstract office. Motion by Hammmontree/Bracy to approve the Assessor's Report. Motion carried.

Zoning Admin. Report-Matt Ashenfelter: 1 permit issued #0087 to James Williams 716 Stonewillow Lane, 25 X 31 Steel accessory bldg. on concrete slab \$25 permit fee collected. Violations/Complaints D.Drumm, 1064 Jonesville Rd, non-compliant Junk accumulation final notice sent 7/25/22. M&D Bracy, Jonesville Road property Grey Well Service unlawful commercial sign erected on AG parcel (first 2016 permit in error), sign will be allowed to remain. M&D Bracy, Jonesville Road property Refuge Coffee sign erected on AG property, 2nd notice letter sent7/25/22. Lopresto conditional permit for temp. mobile home, conditions not met (deadline 1/31/22) Township Attorney legal action for all 3 non-compliants in process. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve Zoning Administrator Report. Motion carried.

Update on Fire Fill Station: \$2477.35 quote for "Apollo" fittings for Fire Fill Station presented by Litchfield Fire Department, requesting Township (ARPA Funds) for the purchase. Motion by Olney/Brenner to support the Township ARPA \$2477.35 funds be used for the Fire Fill Station, parts supplied by Apollo Fire Equipment Co, Romeo MI and Wolfinger's Hardware, Litchfield MI. Motion carried.

Update on Roads-Gary Smith: Gravel road projects to begin 1st of August.

Summer and Winter Tax Roll Responsibilities: Discussion with Branch County Treasurer Steve Rutz, on County not processing Winter and Summer Tax bills and switching them back to Township responsibility, citing the County Treasurer's Office is understaffed.

Other matters: Ck# 110712 Frick's Auto Body and Towing, for 2022/2023 Junk Yard Permit, \$25 handed over to Treasurer for deposit. Complaint presented that ditch & grubbing on Moore Road was not done well.

Meeting adjourned 7:55P.M.	
Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree	
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