

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

Feb. 19, 2024

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Officers present: Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Matt Ashenfelter, Erica Ewers, Eileen Van Vleet, Dorothy Robinett, Michael Thyng, Velma Cole, Gary Hammontree and Tom Waltke.

Public Participation: Michael Thyng presented himself as a Candidate for Branch County Sheriff, and stated his desire and qualifications to serve .

Motion by Brenner/Bracy **to approve Jan. 2024 minutes.** Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$218,201.17. Receipts: \$ 149,076.83. Transfer from ARPA: \$ (-0-) Transfer from Tax Account \$ (-0-). Expenditures: \$ (221,785.12). Balance @ 1/31/24 \$145,492.88.

Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$945.08. Receipts: \$ 1.32. Expenditures: \$ (-0-). Balance @ 1/31/24 \$946.40. Total cash on hand: \$165,310.54.

Motion by Olney/Hammontree **to approve Treasurer's Report.** Motion carried.

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

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6566	Citibank-Chicago	Pension contribution	\$ 112.50
6567	Lillis & Jansen, PC	Zoning Legal Advice	125.00
6568	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6569	CERES Solutions	Twp. Propane Fill	603.37
6570	Decker Agency	2024 Twp. Liability Ins. Premium	4770.00
6571	Linda Hammontree	Printer Ink & Stamps	239.94
6572	Accident Fund Ins.	2024 Workers Comp. Ins.	+ 759.00

Total of bills paid = \$ 7646.98

Zoning Admin. Report- Matt Ashenfelter: Violation: Lopresto, 1184 Clarendon Rd., Junk Ord. & Unlawful mobile home , tickets to be issued for court appearance, with **Motion** by Smith/Brenner **to move forward with Attorney Lillis on Court proceedings.** Motion carried. 12 non-compliance reported. Complete report on file. **Motion** by Smith/Hammontree **to approve Zoning Admin.Report.** Motion carried.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Veteran Exemption removal still pending at the State Tax Commission. No STC meeting scheduled. Butler Values have been set and awaiting the entry of new construction. Complete report on file. **Motion** by Hammontree/Bracy **to approve report**. Motion carried.

Planning Commission appointments: Doug Bracy re-appointed to Planning Commission for a 3 year term, expiring in 2027. Janis Olney to remain as Twp. Board Representative, as Trustee.

Feb. 12, 2024 Planning Commission minutes: Motion by Smith/Bracy **to accept Feb. 12, 2024 Planning Commission minutes, as presented and placed on file**. Motion carried.

2024 Roads: No new projects.

2024 Dust Control: 37.5 miles of gravel roads in Butler Township. **Motion** by Smith/Bracy **to accept \$17,887.50 bid for 2024 Dust Control, from Corrigan Environmental Solutions**. Motion carried. (\$16,875 bid from Michigan Tanker also reviewed).

Other matters: New Quick Books software requested by Treasurer Bracy. She will seek bids. Ck# 610228 \$105.04 from AF Insurance Company, 13% Dividend, to Treasurer for deposit. Sexton Lance Wiser on vacation from Feb. 28 to Mar. 6.

Meeting adjourned 7:39 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____