

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
FEB. 25, 2019**

Call-to-Order at 7 P.M. by Supervisor Smith. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of Officers – Present: Supervisor Gary Smith, Trustee Chris Brenner, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Eileen VanVleet, Gary Hammontree, Matt Ashenfelter, John Pollack, Velma and J.A. Cole, and Sarah Johnson.

Public Comment: Ms. Sarah Johnson, representing Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, gave a presentation about expanded services and new locations (Bronson, Union City, downtown Coldwater, Quincy & the Naomi Davis Shelter House in Coldwater). The agency provides support, advocacy, and counseling referrals for victims. Phone calls received at 517-278-SAFE(7233) or TEXT: 517-227-0320----- around the clock.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve Feb.4, 2019 minutes. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$63,626.78. Transfer in from Tax Account: \$34,789.97. Receipts: \$95,610.61. Expenditures: \$(160,891.82). Balance @ 1/31/19 \$33,135.54. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$870.22. Receipts: \$36.47. Expenditures: \$(45.46). Balance @ 1/31/19 \$861.23. Total cash-on-hand \$33,996.97. Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve Treasurer’s Report. Approved.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Hammontree/Olney to move \$5000 from the General Fund to the Township Board account, amending the budget from \$16000 to \$21000. Approved.

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

Check #	Payee	Reason	Amount
5848	DMCI Broadband	(Website Domain) Late Fee	\$ 1.50
5849	Sheets LP Gas	Twp. Hall Propane Fill	183.47
5850	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service	725.00
5851	Area One Lawn Care	Full Burial Open/Close Wages	400.00

5852	Linda Hammontree	Printer Ink	81.37
5853	J. A. Cole (B-O-R)	MTA Board-of-Review Training	113.00
5854	Accident Fund Ins.	Workers Comp. Annual Premium	759.00
5855	Matt Ashenfelter	Printing costs for Zoning Permits	+ 93.10
Total of bills paid			= \$ 2356.44

Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack: Met with architect to go over new jail plans. Grant funds for Recreational marihuana will no longer be received by the Sheriff's Department, but \$15,000 of Grant money was approved for Road Patrol funding. Expanded "Move Over" Law is in effect now. Traffic is to slow to 10 MPH below posted MPH, yield and change their lanes when passing police or emergency vehicles. Included are: Firefighters, ambulances, Utility workers, and tow-truck drivers. Trying to get a unified County-wide (by Townships) Off Road Vehicle Ordinance, for Rules and Restrictions of travel.

Zoning Administrator Report-Matt Ashenfelter: FEBRUARY- 1 permit issued- Dooley for 16X18 porch. Violations: 1) 995 Clarendon Rd., condemned property (mobile home) 2) 950 Clarendon Road, site plan required for commercial renovation/additions. Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve Zoning Administrator Report. Approved.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Notices of Assessment went out Feb. 25th. 2019 March Board-of Review scheduled for Mar.5 9AM (Organizational)
 Appeal dates: Mar. 11 2-5 PM 6-9PM (Monday)
 Mar. 12 9AM-Noon 1-4 PM (Tuesday)

Annual Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines in front of the Township Board for approval (Feb.25). Continued collection of data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract + Title office. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approved Assessor's Report. Approved

2019 Planning Commission Appointments: Chris Parker, Eileen VanVleet and Dale Smith appointed for 3 year terms.

Road Report-Gary Smith: Branch County Road Commission getting bids for 2019 dust control from various vendors.

Headstone Repair Project: Contractor George Baker unable to finish out project, and Lance Wisner has been offered it. Wisner and Supervisor Smith to assess level of completion of the repairs, at Whig Cemetery. Dayburg and Shooks Prairie Cemeteries not worked on yet.

Other matters: Reviewed Assessor request for increase in contract amount. Increase in cost for Open/Close fees for Cremation Burial from \$75 to \$100.

4 checks handed over to Treasurer for deposit:

#7982 \$1250 Purchase of 5 gravesites at Dayburg -- Ross

#12037 \$ 350 Open/Closing Full Burial –Dayburg—(Ross)

#12064 \$ 50 Balance of Full Burial – Dayburg—(Ross)

#125984 \$50.68 LCSA Act MCL 123.1357 Local Community Stabilization Authority

Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____