

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Feb. 28, 2022

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. 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: Erica Ewers, Rod Olney, Eileen VanVleet, Billie and John Pollack, Matt Ashenfelter, Gary Hammontree, Velma and J.A. Cole, Brandi Smith and Yolanda Lozano.

Motion by Brenner/Olney **to approve January 2022 minutes**, as presented and placed on file. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments: Motion by Hammontree/Bracy **to move \$1000 from the General Fund to the Assessor's Acct., amending it to \$15,000.** Motion carried.

Motion by Smith/Brenner **for \$49,709.03 ARPA check to go to Twp. Hall Acct., amending it to \$62,209.03 . Roll Call Vote:** Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: **General Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/21 \$125,741.56. Receipts: \$134,793.48. Transfer from Tax Account: \$15,296.07. Expenditures: \$(171,434.35). Balance @ 1/31/22 \$104,396.76. **ARPA Account:** \$62,250.00. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/21 \$901.96. Receipts: \$ 33.75. Expenditures: \$(8.48). Balance @ 1/31/22 \$927.23. **Total cash-on-hand** \$167,573.99. Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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

Ck#	Payee	Reason	Amount
6279	Gary Smith	Printer Supplies	\$ 81.97
6280	Consumer Energy	Pre-pay Twp. Hall Electricity	250.00
6281	Colden Company, Inc	Computer Support	40.00
6282	Area One Lawn Care	Full Burial – Dayburg	400.00
6283	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	879.00
6284	Accident Fund	2022/2023 Workers Comp. Ins.	759.00
6285	Decker Agency	2022.2023 Twp. Liability Ins.	3948.00
6286	Triple "J" Construction	Twp. Hall Windows/Siding	7000.00
6287	Wade Electro, Inc	Lights and Air Conditioner prep.	586.23
6288	Linda Hammontree	Computer upgrade, Postage, Sweeper	187.48
6289	Elections Source	2022/2023 Election Equip. Maintenance	+385.00
Total of bills paid			= \$14,516.68

Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack: Inmates moved into the new Jail. Jan. 11th Safety class on Solar Farm Safety given to EMS and Emergency Responders. Moving files and equipment out of old jail and to the new jail, and plans to demolish old jail set for the end of summer. Jan. 21st Corrections went to mandatory overtime. Approved marketing program to get more staff and plan to bring back one former employee. New radio system training with a Mar. 25th plan to go live. Complete report on file.

Zoning Report-Matt Ashenfelter: 2 permits issued. 1) #0075 Austin Whitley, 983 Clarendon Rd., new 26' X 36' dwelling with covered porch \$100 fee collected. 2) #0076 Kim Diffenbaugh, 1160 Jonesville Rd., 10'6" covered front porch \$25 fee collected. **Non-Compliance**, Damian Lopresto, 1184 Clarendon Rd. PERMIT ISSUED (with conditions) for temporary mobile home dwelling on 7/12/21 – Conditions have not been met in the last 180 days, deadline set for terms agreement Jan. 31, 2022. Requested Board approval to proceed with Twp. action on Non-Compliance violation, and meet with Twp. Attorney. **Motion by Smith/Brenner to give approval for action on Non-Compliance, with Twp. Attorney.** Motion carried. **Motion by Hammontree/Olney to approve Zoning Report.** Motion carried.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Michigan Tax Tribunal telephone appeal hearing for Kenneth Kesson held Feb. 25th. Waiting for a response. Notices of Assessment were mailed out Feb. 24th and personal property was mailed out Feb. 25th. March Board of Review Organizational Meeting Mar. 8th 2022 at 9 A.M. BOR Day 1 – Monday, Mar. 14th 2022 2- 5 PM and 6 -9 PM BOR Day 2 – Tuesday, Mar. 15th 2022 9AM-NOON and 1-4 PM All Veteran & Poverty applications have been returned and 1 Personal Property was estimated due to non-filing. Continued collection of data from Equalization and Abstract Office. **Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve Assessor's Report.** Motion carried.

2022 Dust Control: Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve 2022 Dust Control Local Road bid from Gorlewski Resources, LLC, 1 time application @2500 gal. per mile, at a projected cost of \$12,187.50. Motion carried. Supervisor Gary Smith to be point of contact for coordination with Branch County Road Commission. **Litchfield Fire Department 2022/2023 Fire Protection Contract: Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 Fire Protection Contract with Litchfield Fire Department, for \$10,574.80, covering sections 1,2,3,10,11,12,13,14 & 24 (9 sections) address points on the inside of the district and the opposite side of the road.** Motion carried.

Child Advocacy Center of Branch County Presentation. Yolanda Lozano and Brandi Smith showed a video and gave a presentation on plans for building an on-grounds Shelter House for the Child Advocacy Center of Branch County, affiliated with Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The group made a plea for \$3000 donation from Butler Township ARPA funding.

Headstone repair project-Gary Smith: No progress, but will contact a Girard person that may be interested in repairing headstones.

Other matters: Planning Commission appointments. **Motion** by Smith/Brenner **to approve Planning Commission (3 yr. term) appointments** of Eileen VanVleet and Chris Parker. Motion carried. Rod Olney expressed his desire to run on the 2024 Ballot for District 5 Branch County Planning Commission position. **Motion** by Olney/Bracy **to approve Township participation in the BPU sponsored Hazardous materials trash (Sept. 24) collection, at a rate of \$33 per Butler Township participant, to be funded by the Township.** Motion carried. \$400 ck#11883 from Eagle Funeral Home for full burial at Dayburg Cemetery handed over to the Treasurer for deposit.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____