

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2025

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of Officers: Present-Supervisor Rod Olney, Trustee Chris Brenner, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney & Clerk Linda Hammontree. Other present: Eileen VanVleet, Velma Cole, Dean VanDyke, Pat Van Dyke, Donna Swanson, Doug Johnson, Jeff Haines, Reed Daniels, and Erica Ewers.

Public Participation-Doug Johnson, **DTE** Representative, explained Decommissioning & Indemnity Agreements for **Cold Creek Special Use permit**. Motion by J.Olney/Brenner to approve Decommissioning Agreement, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE R.Olney AYE Bracy AYE J.Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Approved. Motion by Brenner/J.Olney to approve Idemnity Agreement, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE R.Olney AYE Bracy AYE J.Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. Approved.

Motion by Brenner/Bracy to amend Agenda to include Assessor's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Brenner/J.Olney to approve January 2025 minutes, and placed on file. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance@4/01/24 \$235,967.12. Receipts: \$142,696.04. Transfer from ARPA \$ -0-. Transfer from Tax Account \$ -0-. Expenditures: \$(181,906.60). Balance @ 1/31/25 \$196,756.56. ARPA Account \$3,361.26. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/24 \$946.83. Receipts: \$ 1.18. Expenditures: \$(73.01). Balance @ 1/31/25 \$875.00. Escrow Account: \$15,000. Total cash-on-hand \$ 215,992.82. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable-Deb Bracy. Motion by Brenner/J.Olney to approve accounts payables. Motion carried.

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6727	AF Group	3/1/25 through 3/1/26 Twp. Workmens Comp. Ins.	\$ 759.00
6728	Deborah Bracy	Printer Ink & Adams Tax Form Helper	91.00
6729	Rod Olney	MTA New Officials Training Class	180.00
6730	Matt Ashenfelter	Zoning Administration 10 wks.cross-training	500.00
6731	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services & Small Claims Hearing Fee	1087.17
6732	Consumers Energy	Twp. Hall Electricity	+ 400.00
Total of bills paid = \$			3017.17

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers:2025 Poverty Guideline Values presented to the Board for review/approval. **Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to give Township Board approval to the 2025 Poverty Guideline Values presented.** Motion carried. One poverty application received, waiting for other applications. 2 Personal Property statements to be processed by MBOR. Continued collection of paperwork from Equalization and Branch County Abstract.

2025 B-O-R

March Board-of-Review Organizational Meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 5 p.m.

March Board-of-Review Appeals Day 1 : Monday, March 10, 2025 from 2 to 5 p.m.& 6 to 9 p.m.

March Board-of-Review Appeals Day 2 : Tues. March 11, 2025 from 9 am to NOON &1to 4pm

Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve the Assessor's Report. Motion carried.

Zoning Report-Dean VanDyke: 4 permits issued, permit fees collected. 1 Land Split, fee collected. Complete report on file. Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve report. Motion carried. Motion by J.Olney/Bracy to approve paying Matt Ashenfelter \$25 per hour for some continued Zoning Administrator training for Dean VanDyke. Motion carried.

Road Matters: Dust Control information to be sent to Twp. Clerk, and review of possible 2025 Road Projects. Supervisor Olney to drive Twp. roads for review with Jay Miller, Branch County Road Commissioner.

Fire Protection : Review of Litchfield Fire Dept. contract and Quincy Fire Assn. contract. No action.

EGLE Grant Money: Grant application for EGLE funds being reviewed and possible application, with Township to be eligible for grant money that could be used for 2026 Road Projects.

Planning Commission appointments: Eileen VanVleet and Chris Parker appointed for 3 year terms.

Other Matters: Ck#1503 \$500 –2 gravesites Whig Center New-West, TJ Spradlin for Donna and Gary Abbeg. Ck#14497 Eagle Funeral Home \$450 for full open/close burial-Gary J. Abbeg, Whig Cemetery .

Microsoft account experiencing difficulties, but getting them worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor_____