

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2024

Call-to-Order 7:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present—Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Chris Brenner and Clerk Linda Hammontree. **Absent** - Trustee Janis Olney. Others present: Donna Swanson, Carmen Torbet, Derrick Bracy, Neil Doty, Sam and Tammy Hammond, Al McClellan, Gary Hammontree, Matt Ashenfelter and Daniel Delagrance.

Public Comment: Mr. Sam Hammond spoke of the conflict between Fire Chiefs during the structural fire (968 Herricksville Road) at his home Jan. 20,2024, and EMT’s attending did not address his wife’s injuries.

Budget Amendments: Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to move \$2000 from General Fund to Treasurer’s Account, increasing it to \$18,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Brenner/Bracy to **approve** November 2023 **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: (\$217,914.93). Balance @ 12/31/23 \$149,363.07. **ARPA Account:** \$18,871.26. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$945.08. Receipts: \$ 1.32. Expenditures: \$(-0-). Balance @ 12/31/23 \$946.40. **Total cash-on-hand** \$169,180.73. **Motion** by Brenner/Hammontree to **accept Treasurer’s Report**. Motion carried.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
6560	DMCI Broadband	Twp. Annual Website Domain Fee	\$ 26.58
6561	Area One Lawn Care	1 Open/Close Full Burial Whig Cemetery	350.00
6562	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6563	Gray Well Service	Twp. Hall Well Pump, Tank, fittings and labor	1392.24
6564	Deb Bracy	2024 W-2 Form supplies	118.42
6565	Spectrum Printers	Mandated Early Voting Site Info. Cards	+ 941.17

Total of bills paid=\$ 3865.58

Assessor’s Report-Erica Ewers: New Construction measurements finished Dec. 28. Data entry up to date. 2024 Poverty Resolution presented for Board approval and 2024 Poverty Guidelines presented for approval.

March 2024 B-O-R times and dates

Organizational meeting : Tuesday March 5 at 9 a.m.

Day # 1 Monday March 11 2pm to 5 pm and 6pm to 9pm

Day # 2 Tuesday March 12 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm

Veteran Exemption mailed 1/4/24, Poverty Exemption mailed 1/19/24, and Personal Property Statements mailed 1/4/24. Picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis. **Motion** by Smith/Bracy to **approve Assessor’s report**. Motion carried. **Motion** by Brenner/Bracy to **adopt Resolution 2024-001 for Poverty Exemption**. Roll Call Vote: Smith AYE Brenner AYE Bracy AYE Hammontree AYE. 4 AYE 0 NAY. Resolution 2024-001 declared adopted. **Motion** by Smith/Hammontree to **approve 2024 Poverty Guidelines**. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator- Dec.2023 Report-Matt Ashenfelter: 4 Permits issued. 1 Land Split: 1 Violation ticket in process, 5 new non-compliance violations. Complete report on file. **Motion** by Smith/Bracy to **approve Zoning Report**. Motion carried.

Motion by Bracy/Hammontree to **accept Planning Commission 12/11/23 minutes**. Motion Carried.

Appointment and swearing-in of **new ZBA member**- Neil Doty, and **new Planning Commission** member Derrick Bracy.

Other matters: Check # 13597 \$350 from Eagle Funeral Homes for burial. \$15 cash for Twp. Chair rental.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda D. Hammontree

Supervisor _____

