

Butler Township Monthly Board Meeting
July 23, 2018

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. by Supervisor Gary Smith. Pledge of Allegiance. **Roll call of Officers-** Present: Smith, Brenner, Bracy, Olney and Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Erica Ewers, Eileen VanVleet, Billie and John Pollack, Jim Webb, Velma and J.A. Cole.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to **approve June 2018 minutes**. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report-Deb Bracy: **General Fund**: Beginning balance @ 4/01/18 \$63,626.78. Transfer in from Tax Account: \$34,789.97. Receipts: \$ 26,070.54. Expenditures: \$ (77,171.37). Balance @ 5/31/18 \$47,315.92. **Perpetual Care Fund**: Beginning balance @ 4/01/18 \$ 870.22. Receipts: \$17.33. Expenditures: \$(45.46).Balance@ 5/31/18 \$842.09.**Cash-on-hand** \$48,158.01 Motion to accept Treasurer’s report by Hammontree/Brenner. Approved.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5765	Sheets LP Gas	Twp. Hall Propane Fill	\$ 202.90
5766	Linda Hammontree	Clerk-Postage & Shipping	75.31
5767	Litchfield Fire Dept.	1 st . Quarter Fire Protection	2442.37
5768	City of Coldwater	GIS Data Contract 2018-2019	1500.00
5769	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service	725.00
5770	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1100.00
5771	Vern Geer	Board-of- Review 7/17/18	11.08
5772	Gary Hammontree	“ “ “	11.08
5773	Eileen VanVleet	“ “ “	+ 11.08
Total of bills paid			= \$ 6078.82

Sheriff’s Report-Sheriff John Pollack: With the retirement of one deputy July 11th , the number of Road Patrol officers is down to 5. A July 9th roof leak led to plumbing and drain repairs. 853 complaints 43 arrests. 29 lbs. of drugs collected in the Take Back Program, in June. 1 boating accident in June. Complete report on file.

Assessor’s Report-Erica Ewers: July Board-of-Review met July 17th at 9 am and approved 7 applications. Data entry is caught up, including all the splits/combinations. Residential sales studies were received late on the 20th, so will be reviewing those. Continuing collection of data from Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract & Title Office.

Zoning Report-Jim Webb: 1 new house w/garage, 1 storage building, 1 garage, and additions to home, making a total of 4 permits for July.

Land Split Ordinance: Motion to approve Ordinance amendment "Open Space Preservation Option", land split option by Brenner/Hammontree. 5 AYES 0 NAY. Unanimously approved.

Litchfield Fire Dept. Report-Chris Brenner: 2017-2018 a reported 87% of budget was used. 2018-2019 budget (\$101,000) use, as of date, is at 4%. Jaws of Life certified for use.

Branch County Road Commission Report-Gary Smith: Re-gravel job of Robinson (Ely to Squires) will be completed by the end of the month.

Other matters: Check # 1131 in the amount of \$750, from Zachow, for the purchase of 3 gravesites at Whig Center Cemetery and Check #4311 in the amount of \$25, from Frick Auto Repair, for 2018-2019 License-to-Operate (Junk Yard) handed over to Treasurer for deposit. Bee problem at Whig Cemetery discussed. Permission by Supervisor Smith to obtain bids for Extermination Service. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to give permission for bids for Extermination Service for bees at Whig Cemetery. Approved. J.A. Cole was going to contact an Amish person that might be interested in collecting the bees. Consumers Power announced a voluntary Power Outage (for repairs and maintenance) between 2-6 A.M. on July 29th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____