

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

July 24, 2023

Call-to-Order 7:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present—Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Velma and Jay Cole, Erica Ewers, Eileen VanVleet, Gary Hammontree, Matt Ashenfelter, Billie and John Pollack and Alan McClellan.

Motion by Brenner/Bracy to **approve** June 2023 **minutes**. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report-Deb Bracy: **General Fund**: Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$218,201.17. Receipts: \$ 47,055.00. Transfer from ARPA \$ -0-. Transfer from Tax Account \$ -0-. Expenditures: \$(111,783.18). Balance @ 6/30/23 \$153,472.99. **ARPA Account**: \$18,871.26. **Perpetual Care Fund**: Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$945.08. Receipts: \$-0-. Expenditures: \$(-0-). Balance @ 6/30/23 \$945.08. **Total cash-on-hand** \$173,289.33. **Motion** by Olney/Brenner to **accept Treasurer’s Report**. Motion carried.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
6505	Tekonsha Fire Dept.	Balance payment for 2023 Fire Protection	\$ 50.00
6506	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6507	Litchfield Fire Dept.	First Quarter Fire Protection	2896.58
6508	Apex Software	Apex Sketch Portal Fee	200.00
6509	Linda Hammontree	Twp. Flag and Postage	281.71
6510	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1400.00
6511	Branch County Treasurer	Summer Tax Bills	+690.67

Total of bills paid =\$ 6556.13

Sheriff’s Report-Sheriff John Pollack: MDOC is using Branch County Jail project as a model for planning and consultation, for other entities. Waiting to see if funding Grant will be approved to tear down the old jail. NOTICE of NEW LAW---no cell phone (hand held) use while driving. YTD Drug drop off box 282 lbs. of old prescription medicine disposed. Butler Twp. 2nd. Qtr. Complaints—67. Complete report on file.

Commissioner’s Report-Alan McClellan: The County partnered with Frontier to apply for the ROBIN Grant for High-Speed Internet. The official selection will occur Aug. – Sept. 2023. Still reviewing funding for Increased Road Patrol. Complete report on file.

Assessor’s Report-Erica Ewers: No July 2023 Board-of-Review held, due to no corrections needed. Apex Software notified of changes and upgrades, and software uploaded to laptop and tablet. Data entry up to date, and picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract office on a regular basis. **Motion** by Bracy/Olney to **approve Assessor’s report**. Motion carried.

Zoning Report-Matt Ashenfelter: Permits issued. #**0118** Alan Graber, 978 Clarendon Road, 44 X 100 stick built calf barn, \$50 permit fee collected. Planning Commission to hold Public Hearing 8/17/23, Township Hall at 7 P.M. for approval of new solar language. Violation: D&B Contacting, 989 Clarendon Rd, failure to apply for zoning permit—Letter returned to sender for insufficient address 7/15/23. Complete report on file. Motion by Hammontree/Olney **to approve Zoning Report.** Motion carried.

Other Matters: Complaints of gravel road conditions being in poor shape this year. Supervisor Smith will invite Road Commissioner **Jay Miller to come to next meeting.** Check # 3597 \$307.18 from Best Homes Title Agency, LLC, for 2023 Summer Tax payment of Buyer/Seller Yuliet Hernandez, 1220 Herricksville Road, Homer MI., handed over to Treasurer Bracy for deposit. Book Mobile of Branch District Library will set up in Butler Township parking lot 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, for Pop-Up Library.

Meeting adjourned 7:28 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____

