

# BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

June 24, 2024

**Call-to-Order** 7:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present--Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Christopher Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Erica Ewers, Eileen VanVleet, Velma Cole, Jeff Haines, William Heffner, Fullbright Family, Billie and John Pollack, Penny Stewart, Gary Hammontree and Tom Waltke.

**Motion** by Brenner/Olney to approve the April 2024 minutes and place on file. Motion carried.

**Budget Amendment: Motion** by Smith/Bracy to move \$20,000 from General Fund to Township Hall Account, changing the budget amount to \$27,000 (from \$7000). Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**-Deb Bracy: **General Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/24 \$235,967.12. Receipts: \$ 25,182.14. Transfer from ARPA: \$ (-0-) Transfer from Tax Account \$ (-0-) . Expenditures: \$ (31,560.42). Balance @ 5/31/24 \$229,588.84. **ARPA Account** balance \$3,361.26. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/24 \$946.83. Receipts: \$ .29 . Expenditures: \$ (73.01). Balance @ 5/31/24 \$874.11. Total cash on hand: \$233,824.21. **Motion** by Olney/Brenner to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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

Check #	Payee	Reason	Amount
6614	AF Group	2023/2024 Audit balance due Work.Comp. Insurance	\$ 7.00
6615	Quincy Fire Assn.	First Quarter Fire Protection	8750.00
6616	Spectrum Printer, Inc	Twp.Oath Book and AV ballot privacy envelopes	87.24
6617	Gannett Mich.LocaliQ	Public Notice Wind Ordinance Public Hearing	104.20
6618	Alliance Electric of Michigan	Stand alone Generator for Twp.Hall	11,275.00
6619	Election Source	Test Ballot bag, BallotCollection bag, & VoterStickers,	47.91
6620	Area One Lawn Care	June Lawn Maintenance	1400.00
6621	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6622	Consumers Energy	Pre-pay Twp. Hall Electrical service	400.00
6623	Tekonsha Township	Tekonsha Fire Dept. 2024 Fire protection	5550.00
6624	MTA	Annual 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 dues	1085.07
ACH	Century Bank & Trust	Township Safety Deposit Box annual fee 2024	+ 35.00
<b>Total of bills paid = \$29,778.59</b>			

**Sheriff's Report**-Sheriff John Pollack: Tear down of old Jail scheduled to begin July 8. Near drowning occurred 6/22 at Messenger Lake, marine patrol assist. County Commission passed ORV Ordinance that Township can go with, adopt their own Ord., or opt. out. Does not cover cities or villages. 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Twp. Complaints-148. CSC, Animals,Rd.Hazard,AOA,Traffic stops, Prop.checks,Ex.Patro,Alarms and Accidents. Complete report on file.

**Commissioner's Report**-Alan McClellan: Annex renovation in October. Robin Grant link to go out for input on adjusting internet coverage map and possibly apply for next grant application. Bud Norman replacement possibly October 2024.

**Assessor's Report**-Erica Ewers: Awaiting Michigan Tribunal appeal date, for Blankenship. July Board-of-Review July 16,2024 9am if appeals filed. Tax Roll exports confirmed once it was sent to Treasurer Bracy. Data entry up to date as of June 22. 2024 STC Update Class completed. New computer ordered from Postula. Continuous paperwork being picked up at Equalization and Branch County Abstract. Motion to approve Assessor's Report by Bracy/Olney. Motion carried.

**Fireworks Application: Motion by Bracy/Brenner to approve Fireworks Permit to Andrew Leonard (Ace Pyro LLC), for display at Butler Motor Speedway, 1031 Clarendon Rd., July 13/2024 (rain dates 8/3/24 &8/10/24. Motion carried.**

**June Zoning Report-Matt Ashenfelter: 2 permits issued. Special Use Hearing date to be determined for application of Michael & Robin Fullbright, for farm animals in Residential (R-2) district. Lopresto Violation in suspension. Motion to approve report Hammontree/Olney. Motion carried.**

**Ashenfelter Letter of Resignation (Zoning Administrator). Motion by Smith/Brenner to accept letter of resignation (effective June 30, 2024 ) of Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter. Motion carried. Motion by Smith/Brenner to approve \$500 transition pay (to cover 6 months training of new Administrator) payable with November 2024 payroll. Motion carried.**

**Introduction of William Heffner, interested in Zoning Administrator position. Motion by Smith/Hammontree to present Heffner with Zoning Administrator Contract for the remainder of 2024/2025 period (7/1/24 to 3/31/25-- \$2291.67 payable in November 2024 and \$2750 payable in May 2025. Motion carried.**

**Planning Commission Public Hearing 5/29/24 minutes: Motion to accept minutes Hammontree/Brenner. Motion carried.**

**Wind Energy Amendment: Reviewed. Motion by Brenner/Bracy to approve 01-2024 Wind Energy Ordinance Amendment to update Zoning Regulations for Wind Energy Conversion Systems, new section 16.29.**

**Roll Call Vote: Smith AYE Brenner AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 01.2024 declared adopted.**

**DTE Language request: Motion by Smith/Bracy to approve Solar Language added to Section 4.03 “utility-scale solar energy systems”, uses permitted by Special Use Permit, Letter E. Motion carried.**

**EGLE’s Renewables Ready Communities Award (RRCA) Grant application: RRCA encourages communities that have recently approved permits for grid-connected wind, solar, or energy storage projects. Motion by Smith/Olney to apply for up to \$50,000 grant. Roll Call Vote: Smith AYE Brenner AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. Motion adopted. September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to apply.**

**Dust Control Report-Gary Smith: Dust Control has been down for 2 weeks.**

**Other matters: Mobile home trash pushed into the woods complaint. \$29.97 ck#23127 LCSA 2024 May distribution. \$5864.89 ck#24520 LCSA 2024 Metro Act Sharing payment, both checks to Treasurer for deposit. Treasurer to look for Sigma deposit from State of Michigan Treasury, for reimbursement of 2024 Presidential Primary election.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:57 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda D. Hammontree

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