

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MAR. 27, 2017**

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. by Supervisor Gary Smith. Officers Brenner, Smith, Bracy, Olney, Hammontree present.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve Feb. 2017 minutes. Approved.

Solar Farm Zoning: Zoning Administrator Jim Webb requested the Twp. Board approval to schedule a Public Hearing to address Solar Farm zoning issues. Motion by Olney/Brenner to approve a Public Hearing on Solar Farm issues, to be set for April 24, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. (Twp. Hall). Approved.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/16 \$ 80,506.38. Receipts: \$ 97,709.25. Expenditures: \$ (138,474.85). Balance @ 2/28/17 \$ 39,740.78. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/16 \$ 850.04. Receipts: \$ 13.13. Expenditures: \$ (-0-). Balance @ 2/28/17 \$ 863.17. Total cash-on-hand \$ 40,603.95. Motion to approve Treasurer's report Olney/Brenner. Approved.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to amend Assessor's budget, moving \$600 from General Fund to Assessor's account making it \$11,600. Approved.

Accounts Payable-Deb Bracy: Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve paying the bills. Approved.

Check	Payee	Reason	Amount
EFTPS	IRS	941 Deposit	\$ 71.60
5580	Gary Smith	Mileage Reimbursement	84.78
5581	William Reed	Set-up Twp. Computer	50.00
5582	Vern Geer	Mar. 2017 Board-of-Review	144.07
5583	Eileen VanVleet	" " "	144.07
5584	Gary Hammontree	" " "	144.07
5585	Mike McHenney	Twp. Hall Un-Winterize	80.00
5586	Sheets LP Gas	Twp. Hall Propane Tank Rental	55.00
5587	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services/Public Notice	1255.90
		Postage and Supplies	
5588	John Hancock	Annual Pension Payments	+ 4500.00
Total of bills paid			= \$6529.49

Branch Co. Sheriff Report-Sheriff John Pollack: Meth. Lab bust in California Twp. Re-opened cold case Duane Finney murder (from 2009), the body found on Matteson Lake Road. \$38,000 for Jail roof repair. Approval given for additional Road Patrol officer. Residents asked to reports suspicious materials found along roadsides that might be mobile Meth. Lab materials. \$20,000 Boiler repair.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: March Board-of-Review petitions—3 Veteran—1 Poverty- the remaining issues were questions and value appeals. All reports submitted to Equalization by Mar. 23. Working on filing paperwork from AMAR review and end of year paperwork, while

waiting for rollover of database for 2018. Continuing collection of data from Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract and Title Offices.

Quincy Fire Assn. Budget: Quincy Fire Assn. 2017-2018 budget for Butler Twp. Fire Protection from April 1st, 2017 to Mar. 31st, 2018 set at \$38,555. Motion to approve Quincy Fire Assn. \$38,555 budget amount for Butler Twp. 2017-2018 fire protection by Olney/Bracy. Roll Call Vote: Brenner-AYE Smith-AYE Bracy-AYE Olney-AYE Hammontree-NAY. AYES 4 NAY 1. Approved

Litchfield Fire Department Contract: 2017-2018 Litchfield Fire Dept. Contract for 1 year contract from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for \$7500 (9 sections). Motion to approve 1 year contract with Litchfield Fire Dept. for \$7500 (9 sections) by Hammontree/Brenner. Roll Call Vote: Brenner-AYE Smith-AYE Bracy-NAY Olney-NAY Hammontree-AYE. AYE 3 NAY 2. Approved.

Tekonsha Fire Dept.: Discussion tabled.

Road Commission Report-Gary Smith: With many Twp. roads in need of repair, the Branch County Road Commission will present recommendations for discussion at the next Twp. meeting-April 24th.

Headlee Amendment: Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve the maximum allowable millage rate in Compliance with Headlee Amendment, but not to exceed 0.7950 mills. Approved.

2017-2018 Twp. Budget: Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve Twp. budget for the fiscal year of 2017-2018. Roll Call Vote: Brenner- AYE Smith-AYE Bracy-NAY Olney-NAY Hammontree-AYE. 3 AYE 2 NAY. Approved

Meeting adjourned 8:13 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

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