

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

May 22, 2017

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. by Supervisor Gary Smith. Pledge of Allegiance. Officer Roll Call. Present: Gary Smith, Chris Brenner, Deb Bracy, Janis Olney and Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Vern Geer, Terri Norris, John Pollack, Jan Yesh, Rod Olney and Eileen VanVleet.

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

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/17 \$94,090.79. Receipts: \$ -0-. Expenditures: \$ (2,274.58). Balance @ 4/30/17 \$91,816.21. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/17 \$863.17. Receipts: \$ -0-. Expenditures: \$ (-0-). Balance @ 4/30/17 \$863.17. Total cash-on-hand \$92,769.38. Motion by Brenner/Olney to accept Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Accounts Payable-Deb Bracy. Motion by Brenner/Bracy to approve bills to be paid. Approved.

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
ACH	Century Bank & Trust	Rental Fee Safety Dep. Box	\$ 35.00
5599	Area One Lawn Care	2 Burials/Lawn Maintenance	1700.00
5600	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service	715.83
5601	Branch County Road Comm.	½ payment Gravel Rds.	13890.00
5602	BS&A Software	Tax System Annual Support Fee	580.00
5603	Election Source	2 Ballot Bags	257.53
5604	Coldwater Daily Reporter	Zoning Public Notice-Hearing	64.50
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5606	Quincy Fire Association	1 st Quarter Fire Protection	9638.75
5607	Shopper's Guide	Twp. Public Notice Road Issues	23.80
5608	Rodney Olney	ZBA- Mar. 24, 2017 Payroll	13.85
5609	Gary Smith-Supervisor	Semi-Annual Salary	2956.50
5610	Deborah Bracy-Treasurer	" " "	3153.60
5611	Linda Hammontree-Clerk	Perpetual Care Flowers, Cemetery Flags, Twp. Hall Window Repair, & Semi-Annual Salary	3539.24
5612	Janis Olney-Trustee	Semi-Annual Salary	758.83

5613	Christopher Brenner-Trustee	Semi-Annual Salary				468.11	
5614	Diane Ranger-Deputy Clerk	"	"	"		69.26	
5615	Alyssa Bracy-Deputy Treasurer	"	"	"		69.26	
5616	James Webb-Zoning Admn.	"	"	"		1616.12	
5617	Douglas Bracy-Chr.Plan.Comm.	"	"	"		36.94	
5618	Chris Parker-Plan. Commission	"	"	"		27.70	
5619	Vern Geer-Plan. Commission	"	"	"		13.85	
5620	Michelle Reed -Plan.Comm.	"	"	"		13.85	
5621	Eileen VanVleet-Plan.Comm.	"	"	"		27.70	
5622	J.A. Cole Plan. Commission	"	"	"	+	13.85	
Total of bills paid						=	\$39,684.07

Branch County Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack: Breaking and entering 5/19 covered by Deputies. Jail overcrowding continues. Permit approved for dredging Coldwater Lake on 6/30/17. 2 deputies approved for part-time security for Court House. Jail incidents down and Animal Control foundation is done.

Commissioner's Report-Terri Norris: Renovation of H & C Burnside Senior Center is completed, and Commission approved purchase of new Animal Control truck.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Many phone inquiries covering variety of information. 1/2 way through Butler Twp. deeds, transfer affidavits, address changes, PA116 updates, splits, etc. Continuing collection of data from Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title Co. offices.

Zoning Administrator May Report-Jim Webb: 2 land splits and 4 permits.

PA-116 Application: Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to give Township approval for PA-116 application from Ervin & Martha Graber - 14.11 acres-30 yrs. Approved.

Litchfield Fire Board Twp. Representative: Chris Brenner appointed to be the Township Representative on the Litchfield Fire Board.

Branch County Road Commission Update-Gary Smith: Gravel price might drop and Twp. cost for road project might come in under bid. Dust Control to be applied end of May, weather permitting.

Cemetery Headstone Condition Review-Gary Smith: Review of headstone conditions and solutions to improve them for all Cemeteries, Whig, Dayburg and Shook's Prairie. George Baker (Girard Twp. Sexton) to give recommendations.

Cemetery Care Complaint-Jan Yesh, resident and daughter of recently buried Harold Coe: Complaint of care for Dayburg Cemetery and letter written by Jan Yesh's granddaughter read, covering similar complaints and concerns. Volunteer group starting that will focus on Cemetery care.

Other Matters: Check #9736 \$300 from Dutcher Funeral Home (burial at Dayburg) and Check#11269 \$300 from Eagle Funeral Home (burial at Whig) handed over to Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

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