

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Aug. 28, 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, Alan McClellan, Jeff Haines, Beth Brenner, Carmen Torbet, Jay Miller, and Tom Waltke.

Motion by Brenner/Bracy to approve July 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: \$(119,420.10). Balance @ 7/31/23 \$145,836.07. **ARPA Account:** \$18,871.26. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$945.08. Receipts: \$-0-. Expenditures: \$(0-). Balance @ 7/31/23 \$945.08. **Total cash-on-hand \$165,652.41. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to accept Treasurer's Report.** Motion carried.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
6512	City of Coldwater	Usage of Coldwater GIS Data Service 7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 1500.00
6513	McKenna Associates	Zoning Update Senior Planner	292.50
6514	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6515	Area One Lawn Care	2 burials & Lawn Maintenance	+ 1650.00
Total of bills paid =			\$ 4479.67

Commissioner's Report-Alan McClellan: The County still working on a solution on how to fund more Road Patrol deputies, and discussed State Grant funds available for enactment of 9 days early voting. Complete report on file.

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Data entry caught up prior to surgery and all new items since are awaiting entry. Deeds entered 8/28/23. Working on Apex portal, and wrapped up attaching sketches to the actual parcels 8/26/23. Picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract office on a regular basis. **Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve Assessor's report.** Motion carried.

Zoning Report-Matt Ashenfelter: Permit # 0120, D + B Contracting, 989 Clarendon Rd., 16 X 32 deck on rear of dwelling, permit fee \$75 collected (penalty applied), **Permit # 0121,** Ervin Graber, 951 Herricksville Road, 35 X 48 addition to existing barn w/dirt floor, permit fee collected \$50. **Planning Commission** approved new solar language amendment at 8/17/23 hearing. **Violations:** Anna & Damian Lopresto, 1184 Clarendon Road, junk ordinance & unlawful mobile home, tickets to be issued for court appearance, notices sent 8/01/23. **Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve Zoning Report.** Motion carried.

Planning Commission Aug. 17 meeting & Public Hearing: Motion by Olney/Hammontree to accept minutes presented for Planning Commission meeting & Public Hearing 8/17/23. Motion carried.

Litchfield Fire Dept. Report-Chris Brenner: 19% of budget used for wages & insurance. Looked at prices of a new or used Fire Truck. **Motion by Smith/Olney to approve report.** Motion carried.

Road Commissioner's Report-Commissioner Jay Miller: Cited delay of dust control to be a result of much rain. Road crews busy with tree damage clean-up from the big storms, and working on new County bridges. Discussed horse/buggy traffic effects on roads.

Solar Ordinance Amendment to Regulate Solar Energy Facilities (Ord. # 01-2023): Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to adopt Solar Ordinance Amendment (Ordinance 01-2023) to regulate Solar Energy Facilities. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Ordinance 01-2023 declared adopted.

Cemetery drive re-gavel bids: \$1950 bid for re-gravel of Whig Center Cemetery drive & \$2225 bid for re-gravel of Dayburg Cemetery drives, from Area One Lawn Care. **Motion by Smith/Brenner to accept bids \$1950 Whig & \$2225 Dayburg re-gravel drives, from Area One Lawn Care. Motion carried.**

Special Meeting: Special Meeting called for Oct. 24, 2023 12-2 pm presentation by Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC for Long Range Transmission Plan Projects, that may identify Butler Township as a potential transmission line route for Helix-Hiple Project (new transmission line in Mid-Michigan), with a request from the public that it be available on video.

Other matters: LCSA notification of overpayment, with adjustment to be present on next disbursement. \$50 **Check # 1099** from Burns & McDonnell for Twp.Hall rental, **Check # 110824** \$1160.46 from Diversified Nat'l Title Co. (tax payment), **Check # 9906** \$375 from Lighthouse Funeral Home (gravesite/burial payment), **Check # 452** from Yolanda Manning for Shooks Prairie burial, **Check # 4467** from Frick's Auto Repair & Towing \$25 for 2023/2024 Junk Yard Permit, and **\$35 cash** from Jeanette Strauss for Twp. Hall rental, handed over to Treasurer for deposit.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor_____