

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

NOV. 22, 2021

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of Officers—Present: Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. Absent: Trustee Janis Olney. Others present: Matt Ashenfelter, Erica Ewers, Velma and J.A. Cole, Tim Stoll, Don Reid and Gary Hammontree

Motion by Brenner/Bracy to approve the **October 2021 minutes**, as presented and placed on file. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report-Deb Bracy: **General Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/21 \$ 125,741.56. Receipts: \$78,403.11. Expenditures: \$(112,210.28). Balance @ 10/31/21 \$91,934.39. **ARPA ACCOUNT:** \$62,250.00. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/21 \$901.96. Receipts: \$ -0- . Expenditures: \$ (8.48). Balance @ 10/31/21 \$893.48. Total cash-on-hand \$155,077.87. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented and placed on file. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments: Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to move \$200 from the General Fund to the Drains-at-Large Account, changing the budget amount to \$4700. Motion carried. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to move \$2000 from the General Fund to the Treasurers account, changing the budget amount to \$14,500. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable-Deb Bracy. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree approve the bills be paid. Motion carried.

Ck#	Payee	Reason	Amount
6237	Marana Group	(estimate)Winter Tax Mailing	\$ 384.30
6238	Area One Lawn Care	1 Burial- Shooks Prairie	200.00
6239	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	879.00
6240	Coldwater Media Group	Cemetery Public Notice	35.70
6241	Gary Smith-Supervisor	Semi-Annual Salary	2956.50
6242	Deborah Bracy-Treasurer	Semi-Annual Salary	5370.97
6243	Linda Hammontree-Clerk	Semi-Annual Salary	3399.97
6244	Janis Olney-Trustee	Semi-Annual Wages	482.89
6245	Christopher Brenner-Trustee	Semi-Annual Wages	551.88
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6247	Donna Swanson-Dpty.Clerk	Semi-Annual Salary	69.26
6248	Alyssa Bracy-Dpty.Treasurer	Semi-Annual Salary	69.26
6249	Matt Ashenfelter-Zoning.Adm	Semi-Annual Contract +Mileage	2467.63
6250	Douglas Bracy-Chr.Planning Comm.	Semi-Annual Wages	36.94
6251	Michelle Reed-Plan. Comm.	Semi-Annual Wages	13.85
6252	Chris Parker-Plan. Comm.	Semi-Annual Wages	27.70
6253	Eileen VanVleet-Plan. Comm.	Semi-Annual Wages	27.70
6254	J.A. Cole-Plan. Comm.	Semi-Annual Wages	27.70
6255	Thomas Waltke-Plan. Comm.	Semi-Annual Wages	13.85
6256	Postmaster	Winter Tax Receipts Postage	+ 290.00

Total of bills paid = \$ 17,305.10

Commissioner's Report-Tim Stoll: County working on budget, with a planned increase to Sheriff Department fund. Jail is finished. 911 Project Radio testing going well, and a 6th tower may not be needed. Re-apportionment and re-districting changes may occur for representation, with Butler Township being covered by someone other than Tim Stoll. County ARPA Funds to include upgrading Broadband service to Branch County as fiber optics.

Assessor's Report-Assessor Erica Ewers : Kenneth Kesson Michigan Tax Tribunal hearing is pending. December Board-of-Review set for Dec. 14, 2021 at 9 am, Twp. Hall, with currently 2 petitions. Working on Tax Warrants. State Tax Commission released 2022 Consumer Price Index of 3.3% or 1.033 Taxable Value Increase. First round of permits reviewed Nov. 8th & 9th. Data entry up to date, and data collected from Equalization and Abstract office. Complete report on file. Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve Assessor's Report. Approved.

Zoning Report-Adm. Matt Ashenfelter: **3 Permits** issued. 1) #0069 D. Fraley, New single story dwelling, \$100 permit fee collected, 2) #0070 T. Wisner, 10 X 18 2nd story addition, \$50 permit fee collected, 3)#0071 E. Steury, 29 X 30 2nd story addition, \$50 permit fee collected.

Non-compliance 6/28/21 Damian Lopresto, 1184 Clarendon Road. Placement of a temporary dwelling (mobile home) on the property after a total loss fire without a valid zoning permit. TEMP PERMIT ISSUED FOR MOBILE HOME DWELLING on 7/12/21 – No Progress in the past 90 days with temporary permit compliance requirements. Final notice sent Oct. 15th to comply with permit requirements or remove mobile home. Complete report on file. Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve Zoning Report. Approved.

ARPA Funds Update: First ARPA payment received. Board reviewed ARPA fund proposed projects.

Litchfield Fire Board-Chris Brenner: 41% of budget used. Litchfield Fire Domain error reviewed. Hillsdale County 911 Dispatch meeting to be set with Litchfield Fire Department and Tekonsha Fire Departments, to go over address points.

Other matters: Discussed overpayment to Horton Law Office and will request a refund. Ck#14820111 \$200 J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home for Re-interment P.J.Dunn-Shooks Prairie Cemetery. Matt Ashenfelter will be gone Dec. 20-28th. Wolfinger's Hardware to winterize Twp. Hall after Dec. 15th.

Meeting adjourned 7:51 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____