

BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Nov. 27, 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. Others present: Velma and Jay Cole, Daryl Cummins, Matt Ashenfelter, Carmen Torbet, Gary Hammontree and Jeff Haines.

Tekonsha Fire Dept. Report-Chief Daryl Cummins: **39** responses reported, to date, for **Butler Township** in 2023 -- out of 291 total calls. \$27,500 Grant approved for Fire Equipment. Next Fire Board Meeting Jan. 24, 2024.

Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to **approve October 2023 minutes, and be placed on file.** Motion carried. **Motion** by Brenner/Hammontree to **approve October 24, 2023 Special Meeting minutes.** Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report-Deb Bracy: **General Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$218,201.17. Receipts: \$120,549.83. Transfer from ARPA \$ -0-. Transfer from Tax Account \$ -0-. Expenditures: \$(180,933.40). Balance @ 10/31/23 \$157,817.60. **ARPA Account:** \$18,871.26. **Perpetual Care Fund:** Beginning balance @ 4/01/23 \$945.08. Receipts: \$0.90. Expenditures: \$(-0-). Balance @ 10/31/23 \$945.98. **Total cash-on-hand** \$177,634.84. **Motion** by Brenner/Olney to **accept Treasurer’s Report.** Motion carried.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
6529	GatehouseMediaMichigan Holdings,Inc.	Pub.Notice Special Use Permit	\$ 77.80
6530	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	1037.17
6531	Area One Lawn Care	Full Open/Close burial (Whig) M. Bowers	350.00
6532	Bailey, Hodshire,PC	Twp.Audit Mar.31,2023 & F65 Report	1500.00
6533	Consumers Energy	Pre-Pay Twp. Hall Electricity	400.00
6534	BS & A Software	Assessor Software Support 11/1/23 through 11/1/24	707.00
6535	John Hancock	Twp. Board Pension Payment	100.00
6536	Eileen VanVleet	Planning Commission Semi-Annual Wages	46.17
6537	J.A. Cole	“ “ “ “ “	46.17
6538	Tom Waltke	“ “ “ “ “	46.17
6539	Alyssa Bracy	Deputy Treasurer Semi-Annual Salary	230.87
6540	Donna Swanson	Deputy Clerk Semi-Annual Salary	230.87
6541	Matt Ashenfelter	Zoning Administrator Semi-Annual Contract Payment	2743.73
6542	Douglas Bracy	Chair - Planning Commission Semi-Annual Wages	27.70
6543	Michelle Reed	Planning Commission Semi-Annual Wages	46.17
6544	Chris Parker	“ “ “ “ “	46.17
6545	Christopher – Trustee	Semi-Annual Wages	985.50
6546	Janis Olney – Trustee	Semi-Annual Wages	689.85
6547	Linda Hammontree – Clerk	Semi-Annual Salary	5173.87
6548	Gary Smith – Supervisor	Semi-Annual Salary	3942.00
6549	Deborah Bracy – Treasurer	Semi-Annual Salary & Expenses	+ 6726.18
Total of bills paid =			\$ 25,153.39

Assessor’s Report-Erica Ewers: 2024 Inflation Rate Multiplier will be 1.05, actual value 1.051. Winter taxes were completed with Deb, and Warrant signed Nov. 17th. Data entry up to date.

December 2023 B-O-R will be Dec. 12, 2023 at 9 a.m. Working with Veterans on changes for Dec. B-O-R. First round of new construction wrapped up on Nov. 16th, and continued regular collection of data at Equalization and Branch County Abstract office. **Motion** by Smith/Hammontree **to approve Assessor's report**. Motion carried.

Zoning Report-Matt Ashenfelter: Permit #0128 Levi Graber, 983Butler Rd., 40 X 132 calf barn-5ft. concrete foundation, \$50 permit fee collected. **Violation notice sent 9/25/23** to Kevin Deluceney, 1177 Burbank Road, Unlawful non-permitted mobile home placed on property. Owner stated by phone call 10/03/23 that they would apply for a permit. NO response as of 10/23/23-**Final violation notice sent 11/2/23. In process --Violation** junk ordinance & unlawful mobile home (fire damaged structure in 2021) notices sent 8/01/23 to owners Anna & Damian Lopresto, 1184 Clarendon Road and tickets to be issued for court appearance. No court action taken as of 11/27/23. **Motion** by Brenner/Olney **to approve Zoning Report**. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Minutes: Motion by Brenner/Bracy **to accept minutes, and approve Planning Commission actions**. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 Nay. Motion approved.

Litchfield Fire Bd. Report-Chris Brenner: 74% of budget used and looking for a new or used fire truck. **Motion** by Smith/Olney **to approve report**. Motion carried.

PA 116 Application: Motion by Hammontree/Olney **to give Twp. approval for PA 116 application** of John and Merna Delagrange, for 57 acres on Clarendon Road, 30yr. agreement. Motion carried.

Other Matters: Ck# 13465 \$350 from Eagle Funeral Home—full open/close burial Whig Center Cemetery (M. Bowers) and \$15 cash for Twp. table/chair rental, to Treasurer for deposit. **Motion** by Smith/Bracy **to move Feb. 2024 monthly Board meeting date to Feb. 19th, 2024**, due to conflict of Presidential Primary Election. Motion carried. **December Board meeting to be held Dec. 18th**, due to Christmas holiday. Concerns on poor gravel road conditions, and discussions on future Zoning control of Solar and Wind Ordinances

Meeting adjourned 7:50 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor_____

