

# Butler Township Board Meeting

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Call-to-Order** 7 P.M. by Supervisor Ivey. Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Supervisor Reggie Ivey, Clerk Linda Hammontree, Treasurer Deborah Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney and Trustee Chris Brenner. Others present: Erica Ewers, Gary Hammontree, Sen. Bruce Caswell, Comm. Rod Olney, Sheriff John Pollack and wife Billie.

Corrections to **Sept. 2013 minutes**: Delete complete "Other Matters" entry. Motion to accept minutes with corrections, by Hammontree/Olney. Approved.

**Public Comment**: Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack: Night shift dropped. Co-operative efforts to familiarize other surrounding police forces (example-Calhoun County Sheriff Dept.) with layout and procedures of Branch Co. Jail, in the event of emergencies or back-up. New visitation options, by Internet. Family can sign prisoner up for home (screened) sessions. Use of the monitor, in the Jail Lobby, is still available.

Sen. Bruce Caswell: New rules for Re-call procedures presented. State budgeting issues and new Personal Property Tax changes reviewed.

**Commissioner's Report**-Rod Olney: County purchased a \$6,600 camera to video record court arraignments. 2013 Tire Collection was a great success and the county plans on re-applying for the Grant again, next year. ORV Ordinance (PA 117-118-119) amendment to Part 811 Off- Road Recreational Vehicles, for allowance of ordinance adoption (Twp.) for enforcement + fines up to \$500. Fines collected by the local government would be distributed as follows: 50% to the County Sheriff or Police Department responsible for ORV enforcement and training, and 50% to the County Road Commission. Complete report on file.

**Assessor's Report**-Erica Ewers: 2 yr. Residential Sales study Oct. 2011-Sept. 2013 submitted by County Equalization. Revised proposed ratio is 51.18%. State Tax Commission requiring Pers. Prop. Statements to be mailed, even with law changes, and taxpayers responsibility to file correct form. Working on Land Split approvals, with Supervisor Ivey. Data entry currently up to date.

**Treasurer's Report**-Deborah Bracy: *General Fund*: Beginning balance @ 4/01/13 \$54,910.33. Receipts: \$83,995.93. Expenditures: \$ (86,128.37). Balance @ 9/30/13 \$52,777.89. *Perpetual Care Fund*: Beginning balance @ 4/01/13 \$909.10. Receipts: \$17.61. Expenditures: \$(44.46). Balance @ 9/30/13 \$882.25. Total Cash-on-hand \$53,660.14. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Ivey/Brenner. Approved.

**Account's Payable**-Deborah Bracy: Motion to approve bills to be paid by Olney/Brenner. Approved.

Check #	Payee	Reason	Amount
5141	Deborah Bracy	Winter Tax Bills- Postage	\$ 184.00
5142	John Hancock	Twp. Bd. Pension Benefits	4530.00
5143	BS&A Software	Assessing System Support Fee	375.00
5144	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Service	645.00

5145	Linda Hammontree	Abs. Ballot Postage	3.30
5146	Branch Co. Clerk	Optech Memory Pack Battery	62.28
5147	Branch Co. Road Comm.	Bal.Pymnt 2013 Sealcoat QuincyGrange Rd.	9054.32
5148	Michigan Election Resource	Absent Ballot Supplies	7.66
Debit Memo	PNC	Service Charge	+ 16.17
			Total of bills paid = \$14,877.73

**Quincy Fire Association Report**-Janis Olney: Strategic Plan approved. Tabled the Wellness Program. Finance Committee meets Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Firehouse to be painted.

Meeting adjourned-8:26 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree.