

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
OCT. 28, 2019**

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. None absent. Others present: Erica Ewers, Velma and J.A. Cole, Rod Olney, John Pollack, Gary Van Patten, Tom Waltke, Gary Hammontree.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve the Sept. 2019 minutes. Approved.

Sheriff's Report-Sheriff John Pollack: New jail site wooded area 50% cleared. DEQ reports no wetlands on site. Officers sent to Emergency Vehicle Operation training. Complete report on file.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy. General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$68,311.78. Receipts: \$75,446.07. Expenditures: \$(108,132.81). Balance @ 9/30/19 \$35,625.04. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$867.73. Receipts: \$ 16.87. Expenditures: \$(15.90). Balance @ 9/30/19 \$868.70. Total cash-on-hand \$36,493.74. **Motion by Olney/Hammontree to approve Treasurer's Report. Approved.**

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5943	Branch County Treasurer	2019 Drains-at-Large	\$ 2010.70
5944	Litchfield Fire Dept.	2 nd Qtr. Fire Protection	2491.22
5945	Wolfinger's Hardware, Inc.	2 Twp. Hall Board Room Heat Ducts	510.00
5946	Branch County Road Commission	Robinson Rd. balance due	7548.66
5947	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services and Hearing Fee	897.00
5948	Gary Smith	Computer Virus Sweep and Virus Protection	+ 337.45
Total of bills paid			= \$13,795.03

Zoning Administrator Report-Matt Ashenfelter: 1 Permit issued—Privacy Fence \$25 Fee. Violations: 8 final notice Excessive abandoned/junk vehicle letters sent. 12 property owners responded (of 20) and have started or completed compliance plan. **Motion by Smith/Hammontree to approve Zoning Report. Approved.**

Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: Michigan Tax Tribunal appeal by American Tower Corp. Site #272649 awarded in favor of the Township. Dec.10th Board-of-Review scheduled for 9 A.M. Consumer Price Index increase for 2020 released and the taxable value will increase 1.9%. Data entry up to date. Continued picking up data at Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract + Title office. **Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve Assessor's Report. Approved.**

Ordinance 03-2019: Motion by Bracy/Olney to adopt Ordinance# 03-2019 Land Division Ordinance (replacing Ordinance #5). Roll Call Vote: Smith AYE Brenner AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Ordinance 03-2019 declared adopted, effective 30 days after publication.

Land Split Application: Motion by Smith/Brenner to approve Land Split Application and Memo w/instructions. Approved.

Ordinance 04-2019: Motion by Olney/Bracy to adopt Ordinance # 03-2019 Sub Division Lot Split Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Smith AYE Brenner AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Ordinance 04-2019 declared adopted, effective 30 days after publication.

Quincy Fire Assn. Board Report-Janis Olney: Discussed Butler Twp. Fire protection 2020/2021 Contract bid. Offered a bid for \$40,000 to cover exclusively the whole Township (\$2000 over the \$38,000 bid for providing 50% of the Twp.'s fire protection).

911 Hearing: Nov. 12th hearing for 911 Tentative Amendment Resolution at the Branch County Commissioner's office-9 A.M. Trustee Janis Olney volunteered to attend.

Fire Protection Workshop to be held Wed. Oct. 30th at 7 P.M.—Twp. Hall.

Other matters: Tax Bill request given to Treasurer. Check # 23000 for \$727.50, the BATA reimbursement check for Aug. Election costs, handed over to the Treasurer. *(Check was made out to Linda Hammontree—it was endorsed and signed over "**Payable to Butler Township**" for Township endorsement and Twp. deposit). Twp. Cemetery Clean-Up Day set for Nov. 19th-9 AM Twp. Hall.

Meeting **adjourned 8:50 P.M.**

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor _____