

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
SEPT. 23, 2019**

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Present-Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. Other present: J.A. and Velma Cole, Tiffany Fillmore, Pat Gaukel, Rick Fillmore, Beth Ann Lawrence, Garner Burke, Rod Olney, Matthew + Darci McGinnis, Fred Stetler, Randy Nichols, Mike Bracy, Matt Guseila, Erica Ewers and Matt Ashenfelter.

Public Participation: Zoning Ordinance complaint (Matt McGinnis) concerning non-compliant camper on vacant lot, with a meeting of Oct. 14 (7PM) set with Planning Commission, for review. Garner Burke presented his non-compliant junk car dilemma (cars on premise when property purchased—no titles). Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter offered to assist on gaining information of on-site demolition. Rick Fillmore expressed concerns of Fire Protection providers in the Township. Matt Guseila presented a letter concerning conducting business at his home. Letter-on-file.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve Aug. 2019 minutes. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$68,311.78. Receipts: \$52,112.97. Expenditures: \$ (79,825.58). Balance @ 8/31/19 \$ 40,599.17. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$867.73. Receipts: \$ -0-. Expenditures: \$ (15.90). Balance @ 8/31/19 \$851.83. Total cash-on-hand \$41,451.00. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve Treasurer’s Report. Approved.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5930	Branch County Treasurer	July 2019 B-O-R Charges	\$ 10.78
5931	Area One Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance	1,000.00
5932	Quincy Fire Association	3 rd Qtr. Fire Protection + Capital Budget	12,435.50
5933	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	872.00
5934	Branch County Road Commission	2019 Sealcoat+Dust Control	11,708.39
5935	J.A. Cole	9/12/19 ZBA Meeting wages	13.85
5936	Gilbert Kelly	“ “ “ “	13.85
5937	Eileen VanVleet	“ “ “ “	13.85
5938	Rod Olney	“ “ “ “	13.85
5939	Daily Reporter	ZBA Hearing Public Notice	35.70
5940	Linda Hammontree	Election Laptop, Postage and UPS Shipping	770.42
5941	Wade Electro, Inc.	4 New Boardroom Lights+ 2 backroom lights	1,150.04
5942	Creature Control	“Bat Prevention” Roof, Eave repairs and Exit Valve	+ 269.00
Total of bills paid =			\$28,307.23

Assessor’s Report-Erica Ewers: 9/19/19 Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal, for American Tower Corp Site # 272649. Case was presented at Calhoun County Courthouse in Marshall Mich., with judgement expected within 45 days. Tax Management Annual Audit, of Principal Residence Exemptions, was submitted. December Board-of-Review scheduled for Dec. 10—9 A.M. Data entry up-to-date and continued collection of data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County Abstract and Title Office. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve Assessor’s Report. Approved.

Zoning Report-Zoning Administrator Matt Ashenfelter:5 Zoning Permits issued, with a total of \$525 permit fees collected. 1 permit denied. 20 property owners abandoned/junk vehicle violation notices sent the first week of September. Compliance visits to commence the week of Oct. 7th. Motion by Hammontree/Bracy to approve Zoning Report. Approved.

Litchfield Fire Dept. Report-Chris Brenner: 28.8% of budget used. Mutual Aid Agreement made with Jonesville Fire Department, and the Fire Department can now charge fees to Consumers Energy for work performed from storm damage. Meetings moved to convene quarterly.

Quincy Fire Association Contract Bid: Quincy Fire Association bid of \$38,764.88 payment for 2020/2021 Fire Protection for the lower ½ of Butler Township (3year contract, with 3% annual increase each April 1st, through the term of the contract). Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to not accept the bid. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy NAY Olney NAY Hammontree AYE. 3 AYE 2 NAY. Motion carried.

Lindsey Drain Report-Gary Smith: Notice of Letting set for Sept. 30, 2019 9:00 AM at Hillsdale County Drain Commissioner's office, 33 McCollum St., Suite 110, Hillsdale Michigan, to receive construction bids for the Lindsey Intercounty Drain. Bidding documents may be examined and obtained at Hillsdale County or Branch County Drain Commissioner's Offices. Day of Review of Apportionments set for Oct. 10, 2019 9 AM to 5 PM at both Hillsdale and Branch County Drain Commissioner's offices.

Twp. Hall Lights Update-Gary Smith: 4 New Boardroom Lights and 2 New Backroom Lights installed.

Twp. Hall Heating Update-Gary Smith: No resolution for excessive noise from furnace running, but heat circulation can be improved by extending ceiling heat ducts to the front of the Twp. Hall. Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve installation of heat duct extensions, at a cost of \$510. Approved.

Other Matters: (Brewer)\$648.52 Escrow check#449706, from Honor Credit Union, handed over to Treasurer. Cemetery notice to be published, with Nov.12 clean-up date for summer decorations, and April 1 clean-up date for Winter decorations. Request made to address full trash barrel at Whig Center Cemetery. Twp. Group Pension 401(a) plan amendment presented, to change normal retirement from age 65 years to age 59 ½ years , by Resolution (2019-02). Motion by Bracy/Olney to approve the Twp. Group Pension 401(a) amendment, by Resolution (2019-02), to change the normal retirement from age 65 to age 59 ½ years. ROLL CALL VOTE: Smith AYE Brenner AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree AYE. 5 AYE 0 NAY. Resolution 2019-02 adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

Supervisor_____