

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
JAN. 22, 2018**

**7 P.M. Call-to-Order** by Supervisor Gary Smith. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of Officers: Present—Supervisor Gary Smith, Trustee Chris Brenner, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Janis Olney and Clerk Linda Hammontree. None Absent. Other present: Fred Avra, Gary Hammontree, Erica Ewers, and Billie and John Pollack. Motion to approve **Dec. 2017 minutes** by Brenner/Olney. Approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/17 \$94,090.79. Receipts: \$93,702.08. Expenditures: \$ (153,893.98). Balance @ 12/31/17 \$33,898.89. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/17 \$863.17. Receipts: \$26.13. Expenditures: \$ (19.08). Balance @ 12/31/17 \$870.22. Total cash-on-hand \$34,769.11. Motion by Olney/Hammontree to accept Treasurer’s Report. Approved.

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

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5699	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	\$ 715.83
5700	Litchfield Fire Department	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Fire Protection	1875.00
5701	Tekonsha Township	Replacement Check for #5638	5000.00
5702	Consumers Energy	Township Hall Electricity	250.00
5703	DMCI Broadband, LLC	1 yr. Twp. Domain Fee	26.50
5704	Deborah Bracy	Ink Supplies	116.57
5705	Sheets LP Propane	Propane Fill-Twp. Hall	+ 247.72
Total of bills paid=\$			<b>8231.62</b>

**Branch County Sheriff’s Report**-Sheriff John Pollack: Jail millage to be on ballot, August or November 2018. \$8000 for water repair and continued overcrowding.

**Assessor’s Report**-Erica Ewers: Twp. data up-to-date. Land Values for 2018: Tillable-\$4100 Non-Tillable-\$3300 Building site-\$10,000. Veteran Exemption apps. and Hardship forms mailed Jan. 2, 2018. Personal Property Statements mailed Dec. 29. New construction finalized on Dec. 18. Continuing collection of data at Equalization, Building Inspection, and Branch County offices. Federal Poverty Guidelines presented for Twp. approval. March 2018 Board-of-Review Organizational Meeting: Tues. Mar.6, 2018 9 A.M. Twp. Hall. Board-of-Review: Mar. 12, 2018 (Monday) 2-5 PM and 6-9 PM. Mar. 13, 2018 (Tuesday) 9 AM-NOON and 1-4 PM.

**2018 Road Repairs**-Gary Smith: Discussion on road repairs, with consideration of 2 Miles of Robinson Road re-gravel (Ely-to Clarendon Rd) at a cost of \$28,000.

**PA-116 App:** Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to give Twp. approval for PA-116 application of Sherri J. Bracy, Trust- 40+ acres 30 Yr. Approved.

**Litchfield Fire Service Contract:** Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve 1 yr. July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 Fire Protection Contract with Litchfield Fire Department for Sections 1,2,3,10,11,12,13,14 &24 of Butler Twp. 3 AYE 2 NAY. Motion approved.

**Tekonsha Fire Department Contract:** Motion by Hammontree/Brenner to approve 1 yr. July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 Fire Protection Contract with Tekonsha Fire Department for Sections 4,5,6,7,8,9,16,17 & 18 of Butler Twp. 3 AYE 2 NAY. Motion approved.

**Medical Marihuana Resolution:**Motion by Olney/Brenner to adopt Medical Marihuana Resolution, resolving NOT to adopt an Ordinance to Authorize, within the Twp. of Butler, the location of any medical marihuana facilities-as identified in the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act, MCL Section 333.27101 et seq. (2016). Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy AYE Olney AYE Hammontree-AYE. **5 AYE 0 NAY**. Resolution adopted.

**Other matters:** Reimbursement Check # 032748, \$628.48 from Tekonsha Community Schools for Nov. 2017 Election costs, to Treasurer Bracy for deposit. Reimbursement Check # 091942, \$628.50 from Coldwater Community Schools for Nov. 2017 Election costs, to Treasurer Bracy for deposit. **2018 Poverty Guidelines:** Motion by Olney/Hammontree to approve Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2018 assessments. Approved. Able Heating contacted for Twp. Hall heating upgrades, and phone call to Trustee Chris Brenner with compliments on Cemetery improvements. Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.

Submitted by Clerk Linda Hammontree

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