

**Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 18th, 2017
Immediately following the Annual Meeting
Buffalo Town Hall**

Present-Charles Corso, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki, Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm

Others Present-18

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. following the Annual meeting of the Electors by Chairman Charles Corso
Each Town Board member Read their Oath of Office.

Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki.

Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the March 2017 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from March 2017, by Roger Wallis.

Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer gave their financial reports. Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Jan Banicki.

Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board reviewed 4 building permits for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented. Motion to approve the vouchers by Roger Wallis.

Second by Jan Banicki

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Charles Corso stated that there was a request for a rezone from Scott Kennedy. The Planning Commission recommended to approve the request and the board voted to approve it.

Charles Corso gave a reminder that the 2017 reval will begin sometime in July. This reval will be inside and outside of properties.

Charles Corso read the new per-diem and salaries of the Town Board as follows.

**Meeting per-diem raised from \$30.00 per 3 hour increment to \$45.00 per 3 hour increment. Salary increases are as follows:
Chairman from \$3200 to \$4000. Treasurer from \$5000 to \$7800. Clerk from \$7500 to \$9900 and Supervisors from \$1800 to \$2800**

Charles Corso stated that the lawn mowing bid for 2017 was awarded to Richard Rygiewicz.

Reminder that the board approved as of 03/13/17 to increase the wage by \$1.00 per hour for the Recycle attendant beginning 04/01/2017.

Mention of the application that was presented at the March meeting from The Wilderness Campground for a Class A Liquor License.

Charles Corso stated that the ATV club has finished posting the ATV route in the township.

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk read the Alcohol-Related License and Permit Fee Ordinance. The Board signed and the Clerk witnessed.

The board discussed the Class A Liquor License and the Class A Beer licenses on file. The Wilderness Campground has applied for a class A Liquor License prorated from May 1st-November 1st (\$75.00) and a Class A Beer License for the full year (\$10.00). The Appointment of Agent Melanie Weiss was also presented. Motion by Roger Wallis to approve the Class A Liquor and the Class A Beer License and the appointment of Melanie Weiss as Agent. Second by Charles Corso.

In Favor-2 Opposed-0 Abstain-1

The Board reviewed the application for a Class A beer license for Woods and Goods. Motion by Roger Wallis to approve the Class A Beer License for Woods and Goods. Second from Charles Corso.

In Favor-2 Opposed -0 Abstain -1

Charles Corso stated that the Electors voted at the Annual Meeting to Keep the Caucus Procedure for Elections.

Charles Corso read the appointment of the Land Use Planning Commission.

1. Jan Banicki (Town Board Member) April, 2019
2. Wesley Buss-Citizen April, 2018
3. Charles Church-Citizen April, 2018
4. Roger Wallis-Citizen April, 2020
5. Scott Kempley-Chairman April, 2019

ALTERNATES #1 David Berg April, 2019 #2 John Masts April, 2018

Jan Banicki stated that she wasn't comfortable signing until they checked to make sure that 2 town board members could both be on the Planning Commission together. The board will check in to further before signing.

Charles Corso read the appointment of the Board of Appeals.

1. Ryan McReath-Chairman April, 2018
2. John Goetz-Citizen April, 2020
3. Fred Wollenburg-Citizen April, 2018
4. Shane Dedrick-Citizen April, 2018
5. Tom Wilson-Citizen April, 2018

ALTERNATES

- #1 Dennis Schwochert-Citizen April, 2019
#2 Dustin Wollschlager-Citizen April, 2018

The Town Board Members signed the Ordinance naming the Board of Appeals Members.

Board Discussion on adding \$25,000 to the Fire funds. We have been told that our cost of the New fire truck - that will be purchased in 2019 will be \$125,000.00 The Board asked the Treasurer what was available for interest on a new CD. The Treasurer stated that for 18 months it would be 1.25% The Town has \$100,000 set aside now and will need \$25,000 more on top of this. Motion by Roger Wallis to move \$25,000 from General non designated fund to the Fire Fund. Second by Jan Banicki.

In Favor-3 Opposed-0 Motion Carried.

Motion by Jan Banicki to move the \$125,000 in to a CD for 18 months at 1.25%. Second by Roger Wallis.

In Favor-3 Opposed-0 Motion Carried.

Charles Corso explained that with the help of Charles Church the Town got in touch with the DNR regarding the parking lot at Observatory Hill. The DNR has notified the Township that they will do the needed repairs to fix the parking lot at Observatory Hill.

Charles Corso Mentioned the land exchange on Hwy B between Reese & Arbeiter. The land exchange will take place with no additional parcels being added.

The Board discussed the fixing of the Township Roads. Charles Corso stated that the pothole fixing starts in April. The road tour will take place soon. Kyle Kidney spoke about a new process called scrub sealing that Meigs is doing. The board asked if he could get more information. Kyle stated that Jack Yates is a salesman for the product.

Motion was made by Jan Banicki to start filling the pot holes. Second by Roger Wallis.

In Favor-3 Opposed-0 Motion Carried.

CITIZENS & BOARD CONCERNS

Dustin Wollschlager asked if we could get a report from the county as far as what roads they have worked on the most. Charles Corso stated that is done when the road tour is done. Dustin stated that he works for Columbia County and that they have recently put 6 tons of patch on Barry Road. There is a lot of damage that is caused from the Amish buggies. Charles Corso stated that they will do what they can but there isn't much money for the roads.

Upcoming meeting dates:

May 4th, 2017-Planning Commission (As needed)

May 8th, 2017-Regular Town Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Roger Wallis. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned