

Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2018
@7:00 P.M.
Buffalo Town Hall

Present-Charles Corso, Roger Wallis, Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm
Others Present- 9

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 7:00 P.M.

Motion to approve the agenda by Roger Wallis.

Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

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

Second by Charles Corso.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer gave their financial reports.

Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Roger Wallis.

Second by Charles Corso.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed 1 building permits for the month.

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

Second by Charles Corso.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Town Chairman took Mr. Donald Smith to see Diana Campbell the County Treasurer to help straighten out concerns with his tax bill. They also called Associated Appraisers. Everything was explained and will be taken care of. Don stated that he has not received anything yet. He also stated that he would like to be reimbursed for 5 buildings that he was charged for. Charles Corso said he would contact them tomorrow.

There will be a Board of Review Training on Feb 9th, 2018 and any of the Board of Review members or alternates that want to attend should notify the clerk. Roger Wallis stated that maybe it would be a better idea to have a review just prior to the Board of Review so its fresher in everyones mind. Jean Rataczak also agreed.

Charles Corso made a motion to have a review workshop prior to the next open book. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The clerk is doing a 30 day trial with AFPC internet run by Hughes Net which is a satellite system. Laurie Beahm-Clerk asked if the board wanted to pay for a full year in advance instead of monthly. Motion by Roger Wallis to pay the internet for 1 year in full. Second by Charles Corso.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

A new printer was purchased for the Treasurer as voted on at the December meeting.

Mention of the increase in the Transportation Fund for 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the adoption of the new Fire Protection Ordinance. The amounts were clarified to be \$20.00 per hour per person per call and the Fire Truck Fee is \$200.00 per call. The Board reviewed the ordinance. Motion to approve the ordinance by Roger Wallis Second by Charles Corso.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED. The Chairman signed the Ordinance agreement. Witnessed by the Clerk.

The Committee made up of 4 people plus the clerk – Charles Church-Fred Wollenburg-Charles Corso & Scott Kempley with assistance of the Clerk-Laurie Beahm, will be meeting to review Chapter #10 Ordinance on January 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 6:30 p.m. to review Chapter #10 and look at any changes/updates that need to be done.

The Board will discuss starting a funds account for another fire truck that will be needed. There will be some left in the held funds after the first fire truck is paid for. The board could possibly make a budget amendment to make some changes. Charles Corso asked that everyone think about this and then we can review at an upcoming meeting. The Town Board is looking in to the possibility of getting a grant to help with the new fire trucks that are needed.

The Board discussed the issues in the township with the amish horse and buggies. November 7th Charles Church & Charles Corso had a meeting with the Amish Bishops. They were asked to add LED lights on their buggies. People have started to see that this is being done already. They were also asked to have reflective tape on back of buggies. The Board is looking at putting in Larger or maybe more Horse & Buggy Signs. Don Smith made comment that maybe the LED lights should be flashing so it distinguishes them from an automobile. When coming up on a buggy with LED lights if you are thinking it is a car a person assumes it is moving at higher speeds.

The Board went over the agreement from Associated Appraisers. The last two payments will be made for the Reval in 2018. The last payment is set for July. There is still maintenance fees due every month. Jean Rataczak stated that we need to get together with The Wilderness Campground and Associated Appraisers to figure out a better way to keep sights and who owns them.

CITIZEN AND BOARD CONCERNS

Charles Church spoke regarding the problems w/appraisals-He would like the board to look in to see who other townships are using. Charles Corso stated that he is already looking in to this.

Maybe the State could be contacted to see who else is available.

Fred Wollenburg agreed with Charles Church. He mentioned some of the situations regarding his properties.

Charles Corso stated that the Board is checking in to different options.

The Clerk spoke on some other incidents that took place regarding a couple parcels in the township.

She stated that revals maybe need to be done more often to help level out some of these problems.

Upcoming meeting dates-

- a.) **Thursday, January 11th, 2018 Chapter #10 Review Committee @6:30 p.m.**
- b.) **Thursday, January 18th, 2018 Chapter #10 Review Committee @6:30 p.m.**
- c.) **Thursday, January 25th, 2018 Chapter #10 Review Committee @6:30 p.m.**
- d.) **Thursday, February 2nd, 2018 @7:00 p.m. Land Use Planning-As Needed**
- e.) **Monday, February 12th, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting.**

Motion to Adjourn by Roger Wallis- Second by Charles Corso

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED