

Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. Buffalo Town Hall

Present-Scott Kempley, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki, Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm

Others Present-11

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda by Roger Wallis

Second by Jan Banicki

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

The board reviewed the December 2020 minutes. Motion to approve the December minutes, by Jan Banicki

Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Clerk & Treasurer gave the 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 1 building permits for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented by Roger Wallis

Second by Jan Banicki

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman state that all of the Property tax bills are out in the mail.

NEW BUSINESS

The board announced that the results of the Caucus nominations are as follows.

Chairman-Scott Kempley

Supervisors- Jan Banicki & Roger Wallis

Treasurer-Jean Rataczak

Clerk-Laurie Beahm

The election will take place on April 6th from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

The board discussed the Cedar Lane Sub Development Plowing request. They have contacted Scott regarding having the road in to their subdivision plowed by the town. Scott explained that because the town does not own the road the town cannot plow it. The board agreed that they would check in to the process of what they would need to do to take over the road and would address at the March meeting. There are 9 properties-8 homeowners in the subdivision.

The board discussed setting up to do zoom meetings that the citizens would be able to attend either by phone or computer. One of the towns citizens Joel Burbach spoke regarding his knowledge of doing zoom meetings. He has offered his time and knowledge to help set this up. The board will let everyone know through postings and putting on the website when this will start taking place. Motion to move forward on setting up virtual meetings by Roger Wallis. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The board discussed changing the meeting times from November 1st thru end of April every year to 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Roger Wallis to change the meeting times from November 1st thru end of April to 6:00 p.m. May 1st thru October 31st meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. Starting in March & April 2021. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

The board discussed hiring a new town Lawyer. Our town Lawyer Mr Charles Church retired at the end of December. Many thanks to all that He has done for the town. The board is looking in to hiring a new lawyer from Portage, WI-His name is Michael Greiber. He is a General practice lawyer from Portage. He started his own business in 2016. He has been practicing since 1999. His fee is \$250 per hour but may do a discount for the township. The board will address and make a final decision at the March meeting.

The board discussed having contracts drawn up for anyone that is hired by town for any contracted work. This is to have on file for the towns purpose.

The Clerk Laurie Beahm reported that the old election equipment has been turned back in to the county and the new election equipment has been delivered. There will be upcoming training with the election workers to learn how the

new machines work. The new machines are a paper feed machine. All voters will be voting on paper and feeding it in to the machine. For any questions please contact the clerk.

There are 2 elections this year-February 16th is the Spring Primary and April 6th is the Spring Election.

The Chairman just gave a brief recap of the 2019-2020 years on things that have taken place in the township.

The town took over 3 of the cemeteries in the town and one abandon church. John and Ken McGwin took over as contact people for the cemeteries. Did a couple major road projects-with help from the TRIP funds. Tried an experimental resurfacing project to see If it lasts longer. Continued to work with the county on road repairs. The town election workers did a great job working with the COVID situation and safety. Took care of a major floodwater damage area and shared expenses with the neighboring township. This saved a good piece of road. Generally it was Great team work overall with all of the board members.

CITIZEN AND BOARD CONCERNS

David Rieckman wanted to express a great Thank You to Charles Church for everything he has done over the years to help our town. He has been an amazing Lawyer.

Charles Corso stated that He would like to thath the board members and Charles Church for all of their hard work.

Upcoming meeting dates:

1. January 6th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.-Land Use Planning (IF NEEDED)
2. January 11th, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.-Regular Town Board Meeting.

Motion by Jan Banicki to Adjourn the meeting-Second by Scott Kempley

MEETING ADJOURNED