

**Town of Buffalo**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Buffalo Town Hall**

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

Others Present-

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 6:00 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 February 2021 minutes. Motion to approve the February 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 Roger Wallis. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR – 3    OPPOSED-0    MOTION CARRIED

**The board reviewed 3 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**

Notice that the Cedar Lane Development Plowing Request was discussed. Brian Trebatowski is getting more information for us on the process.

Reminder was given regarding the changed meeting times.

Starting March, 2021 as follows:

NOVEMBER THRU APRIL-6:00 p.m.

MAY THRU OCTOBER WILL BE 7:00 P.M.

The board discussed hiring of the new Town Lawyer-Michael Greiber attended and answered the board questions. The new agreement was signed and returned to Mr Greiber.

The board discussed work that is contracted for the town. Mr Greiber was asked to draw up contracts for Lawn mowing, and snow removal. This is in regards to the cemeteries, the town hall and the recycle center.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed some of the issues of shining in the Township. It was stated that it is illegal to shine State or Federal lands. There have been some complaints. Greg Walsdorf brought up that there has been a lot of poaching in the township. There definitely is a safety concern with people shooting towards homes. They have a petition signed by 70 citizens to ban shining in the township. . There have been 7-10 deer killed along roads and found with heads cut off. This is a real concern. The board discussed doing an ordinance to try and stop this. The board would need to vote to do an ordinance and to put up signs. There are other townships including Lewiston that have done a shining ordinance. Scott will research further and to see if fundraising would be an option to pay for the signs.

The rezone request from Laverne Kuhns has been put on hold until there can be another meeting regarding the commercial zoning ordinance. The map showed 3 acres instead of 5 which is required in the Towns Ordinance. The board is going to look in to amending the Town ordinance to reduce Commercial zoning to a minimum of 30,000 square feet which is what the County follows. Please watch for new meeting information.

The board discussed moving the meeting date to a different week but no other weeks would work due to conflicts.

The board discussed complaints of junk cars at residences on Fox road before the County Line and also Junk cars on 18<sup>th</sup> Road. Scott Kempley visited both properties-The property on Fox Road 6 out of 7 cars are registered. The residence on 18<sup>th</sup> Road said that they are in the process of getting rid of them. Scott Kempley told them that they need to have them removed and that the ones sitting onto the road need to be moved off of the road right away. Scott will check back on these properties in the future.

The board discussed doing zoom meetings or call in meetings. The board decided to do training with Joel Burbach on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> to do a test runs and see how it works. The board has concerns for the Amish in the community and how they would access the meeting. Also to do the meeting at the town hall and virtually the board would need to install internet in to the town hall. This is an expense that they are not sure they would want to do. Clerk Laurie Beahm contacted the Lawyer at the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding the remote meetings. Carol Narwocki stated that it was recommended for the board to write up a policy regarding remote meetings.

Roger Wallis & Scott Kempley stated that they would be setting up the road tour with Brian Trebiatowski to address any road issues and to set up a plan for road repairs.

### **Citizen and Board Concerns**

David Reickman stated there are potholes on 15<sup>th</sup> between CM and Grouse and going east on Grouse between 15<sup>th</sup> and Hwy 22. Roger Wallis stated that Grouse needs more than just pothole filling.

Joel Burbach asked to look at rerouting the ATV routes. Would like to see it done soon.

John McGwin mentioned that April 17<sup>th</sup> the new long distance dialing that will be coming up. Will need to dial 1 plus the area code and the full number in order to get through. It will be permanent come October. This is to make room because In 2022 there will be a new hotline 988 for mental health – suicide. There should be more information coming.

Joel Burbach that people in the township should call Marquette Adams phone company to try and expand their service in to the township. It would help getting better internet service to the area.

### **Upcoming meetings**

1. April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Spring Election 7:00 a.m-8:00pm
2. April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.-Land Use Planning
3. April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Annual Town Meeting @ 6:30 p.m
4. April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 immediately following the Annual Meeting-The Regular Town Board Meeting.

Motion by Scott Kempley to Adjourn the meeting-Second by Roger Wallis  
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0

MEETING ADJOURNED