

**Town of Buffalo**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 20th, 2021 @ following Annual meeting at Buffalo Town Hall**

Present-Scott Kempley, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki (phone), Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm  
Others Present- 11

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 7:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki

Second by Scott Kempley

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

The board reviewed the March 2021 minutes. Motion to approve the March minutes, by Scott Kempley

Second by Jan Banicki

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Clerk & Treasurer gave the financial reports.

Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Scott Kempley, Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR – 3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

**The board reviewed building 9 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 board discussed the request from Cedar Lane Subdivision to plow the road in to the subdivision. Brian Trebiatowski went over some details on what would be needed to be done for the town to take this road over. There were some things to be considered in order to make the decision. After board discussion and review of other areas in the Town that could also make this request there was a motion by Jan Banicki to deny the request to take over the road in the subdivision. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The board discussed the policy regarding setting up or using virtual/call in meetings. There definitely would be some cost involved depending on how this was addressed. There was a draft policy read to start to work on how it would be done. The board looked over a sample policy that the WTA sent us. It was decided to have the Town Lawyer look over the sample and the draft policy that the board had drawn up. The Clerk ill email both copies to Mr Greiber and let the board know his thoughts at the May meeting.

The board discussed the contracts for the town for the lawn mowing and snow plowing of the town hall, recycle center and the cemeteries. The draft copy of the contract for lawn mowing was read. The board decided to remove the stipulation on the once a month mow for the Oaklawn cemetery. Will follow rule of other cemeteries. Motion to approve the draft contract by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed the current cell phone tower ordinance. Tom Onofrey gave some insight in to a cost that the town could end up with if a tower request was made. The board listened to some concerns from Tom Onofrey. The town has nothing in the Ordinance regarding Guidewire towers which can cause death to birds. Also the cost of hiring someone to take care of the legal paperwork could be around \$3500. Who is responsible for this fee? Is the towns Lawyer willing to handle it? None of these items are addressed in the ordinance. The board needs to either amend the Ordinance or rescind the Ordinance. If the Ordinance is rescinded then this would automatically go to the County level. The board asked Fred Wollenburg if he would do some checking on this and get back to the board. Motion by Roger Wallis to table this until more information. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

Tom Onofrey also suggested that the board go over the Citation Ordinance. There are things in that should be updated to current regarding the citations. These are both things that the Zoning office will not handle.

Brian Trebiatowski spoke regarding the 4 hour road tour that he took with Scott Kempley. A project sheet with pricing estimates was given to the board members to review. The board will need to decide which projects they can afford and where to start.

Citizen Fred Wollenburg asked about the culvert that was installed on the corner of CM & HWY 22. Brian stated that it is the normal culvert install length. They went oversized to make sure that it was a permanent fix.

Brian also spoke regarding the 16<sup>th</sup> road railroad bridge. He explained that the Town of Montello is still waiting on their 1.3 million dollar project. He recommended that maybe the town could contract an engineering firm to check in to other options for opening up that road.

The board discussed the American Rescue Plan Act and what it means for the town. There is potentially \$122,871.19. There will be more information coming regarding the Plan.

Brian spoke a little about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). He stated that so far it has not been Ok'd to use the money for any road projects. The County has recommended that the money be set aside in to a separate account until the list of what it can be used for is presented.

Chairman Scott Kempley reviewed the Land Use Committee and the Board of Appeals members. New term dates and new members are as follows.

**LAND USE-**

Jon Mast-Chairman  
Charles Church-  
Kevin Wegner-  
Gary Napralla-  
David Berg  
Alternate-John McGwin

**BOARD OF APPEALS-**

Ryan McReath-Chairman  
Tom Wilson  
Kyle Kidney  
Jan Banicki  
Peggy Wilson  
Alterate-Joel Burbach

The board presented the potential ATV route re quest from Marcellon Township to Buffalo Township. The board discussed the map and took input from the citizens present. Maps were handed out and Mr Rataczak from the Town of Marcellon was there to answer questions as needed. There will be a discussion and decision at the May meeting on whether or not to connect the two routes and what the option will be.

The board reviewed the fireworks permit presented from the Wilderness Campground. Motion by Roger Wallis to approve the permit. Second by Jan Banicki. IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The permit was signed by Chairman Scott Kempley to allow the permit for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks for 2021.

The board discussed the mowing bids that were sent in for the 2021 mowing season. There were 3 bids presented. Bids were placed by Richard Rygiewicz, David Henke, and Lawn Care Plus-(Bruce Krivanek).

Motion by Scott Kempley to accept the bid from Richard Rygiewicz in the amount of \$360 per mow. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The award was made to accept the bid from Richard Rygiewicz in the amount of \$360 per mow.

The dates have been set by the Assessor for the Open Book and the Board of Review. **Open Book will be done by phone call again this year. Please watch for a letter from Associated Appraisal in the mail.** Open book - from Associated Appraisal office will be May 21st from 10:00am-12:00pm Board of review – will be in person June 4th 5:00-7:00pm Watch for postings and more information to follow.

### **Citizen and board concerns.**

Joel Burbach stated that there have been more ATV'S around John Muir Park. He would like the board to consider cutting out the part of the route that is down HWY F past John Muir Park.

Melanie Weiss commented that we should promote John Muir Park and not try to stop people from stopping there. Why can't we just try to keep a handle on it?

Bill Barth commented that the Amish buggies are more of a hazard the ATV's. They don't pay fuel tax for their buggies but the UTV's are filling up which means they are paying road tax.

Fred Wollenburg stated that the Friends of John Muir picked up 8 bags of Trash along the Town Roads. Thank you Fred.

Ed Gawel turned in all of the tires at the recycle center to Kendall Tire & Auto to dispose of. He is also taking care of getting rid of all of the old TV's. They will be taken to the Columbia County Recycling Center.

### **Upcoming meetings**

1. Wednesday-May 5th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.-Land Use Planning
2. Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.-The Regular Town Board Meeting.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED