

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
February 21, 2007**

Chairman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gene Mucciolo, Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg
Others: Steve Raab, Mary-Anne Raab, David Rieckmann, Wesley Buss, Donald Smith, Doris Smith, Charles Church, David Seddon, Margarete Worthington, Lee Debrot, Amy Toporski, David Boehmke, John Raab, Adam Reiche, Jeanny Reiche, Shawn Campion, Kent Perkins

Agenda:

Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to approve the agenda with a change to Item 4 since the sheriff is unable to attend to discuss shining and other enforcement issues. "All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the Town Meeting minutes with a change to Citizens and Board Concerns, Item k – Trash on our roads to read "Steve Raab stated that trash may be falling off the Waste Management truck. The Waste Management truck is losing garbage during Thursday pickups from Hwy 22 to Buffalo Hills Road. He noticed garbage on the road on 1/4/4/07, 12/21/06, and 12/28/06. " All in favor, motion carried.

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the Caucus Meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the report. All in favor, motion carried.
Donna Seddon explained the budget reports.

Open Assessor bids, choose 2007 Assessor

Donna Seddon reported that the following bids were received:
John P. Blader for \$6,500
Accurate Appraisal, LLC. for \$6,500
Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. for \$6,900
Hart Appraisals for \$9,500
Appraisal Services and Data Processing Sys., Inc. for \$18,000

The Board does not have to accept the lowest bidder. Bids were reviewed. Accurate Appraisal, LLC. and Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. were represented. They were asked to speak about their companies. Discussion followed and questions were asked. Associated Appraisal adjusted their payment schedule.

Jan Banicki, seconded by Gene Mucciolo, made a motion to accept Associated Appraisals adjusted bid of \$6,500 all-inclusive for assessor services for 2007. Discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Electric work at Recycling Center

David Seddon explained the electrical problem at the Recycle Center. There is a short in the wire that runs between the Town Hall and the Recycle Center. The Town Hall's electrical service needs to be upgraded to a minimum of 100 amps and a new electrical wire run to the Recycle Center. Donna Seddon contacted Adams-Columbia Electric regarding the cost to install

an electrical service at the Recycle Center. It would cost \$500 for a temporary installation, \$500 for a permanent installation in the spring, and \$600-\$1,000 for the electrical service. There would be a service charge of \$26-\$32 per month. Since there is frost in the ground, David Seddon suggested that a new electrical wire be run temporarily above ground near the tree line to the Recycle Center. In the spring, when the ground is frost free, the Town Hall electrical service would be upgraded and the electrical wire to the Recycle Center would be installed under ground. Steve Raab volunteered the use of his backhoe and end loader to bury the wire.

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to authorized David and Donna Seddon to purchase wire and install a temporary hookup between the Town Hall and the Recycle Center. All in favor, motion carried.

Gene Mucciolo, seconded by Fred Wollenburg and Jan Banicki, made a motion to authorize David and Donna Seddon to upgrade the Town Hall electrical service, have the wire buried between the Town Hall and Recycle Center, and upgrade the electrical wiring at the Recycle Center. All in favor, motion carried.

Gene Mucciolo directed Donna Seddon to request and advertise for bids on rewiring the Town Hall based on David Seddon's recommendations. The bats are to be relocated, the flies and beetles exterminated, and the insulation requirements reviewed.

Town Hall Sign

Several calls were received regarding the color of the sign. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to change the sign color from red and white to green with white letters. All in favor, motion carried.

School Crossing Signs at new Amish School

The County Highway Department will install two new school signs at the new Amish school. Cost is \$1,117.54.

Status of request to Sandy James for reimbursement of Naparella property taxes

Sandy James e-mailed the Town explaining that she does not have insurance that will cover errors. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to take the \$1,117.54 from funds and pay the County for the tax error. All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Revision to Chapter 8 – Citation Ordinance

The revisions were posted. Explanations and discussion followed. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to approve the revision to Chapter 8 as posted. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Access at Mulherns Lake

Gene Mucciolo is checked with the DNR and DOT since the maps they produce show a public access. The DOT explained that they put an access dot on their maps for every lake. Mulherns Lake is a private lake and doesn't fall under the State Statues requiring a public access. There was an error on the maps and there is no public access to the lake. David Boehmke is the owner of the land that is marked incorrectly. He states that the DNR has to ask him for permission to launch their boat on the lake.

Plan Committee Report from January 31st meeting

- a) ATV Trails Recommendation to Town Board -- Fred Wollenburg reported that the Plan Committee recommends to the Town Board that we do not participate in any ATV trails in Buffalo Township. Gene Mucciolo, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion

that the Town not participate with the ATV clubs to create any ATV trails/routes. All in favor, motion carried.

- b) Zoning -- Fred Wollenburg reported on the proposed County zoning changes. Discussion followed. The Town is reviewing the County Zoning Ordinances. A referendum will be requested if the Town Board decides that the Town should consider County zoning.
- c) Kent Perkins—Combined Property Application -- Fred Wollenburg reporting for the Plan Committee recommends that the Town approved the combination of lots in Buffalo Hills. Wesley Buss, president of the Buffalo Hills Homeowners Association, states that they have no objection. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the request to combine the two lots owned by Kent Perkins. All in favor, motion carried.

Ordinance Violations

Gene Mucciolo sent letter to all the violators. They have until March 1, 2007 to comply. The David Lichtfeld violation was corrected prior to this meeting.

Discussion – Outdoor Burning

Fire wardens hand out information on burning when burning permits are obtained. If you have complaints, please contact the DNR. Discussion followed for and against burn barrels and open pit burning. Outdoor burning has been postponed for discussion at the annual meeting.

Correspondence

- a. Five e-mail letters of complaint were received. They requested that we not allow ATV trails in the Town of Buffalo.
- b. E-mail from Erik Brynildson. He has sent the Town more information on shining problems in other towns and their solutions. This topic will be postponed for the annual meeting.
- c. Green Lake Animal Shelter -- .We can join for an annual fee of \$650.00. They charge \$40 per dog and \$15 per cat for pickup. They do not have any report of strays in the Town of Buffalo.
- d. US Census is requesting information for the 2010 census.
- e. E-mail from Mimi and Gordon Bentley concerning Ralph and Dorothy Imhoff personal property tax bill – Discussion followed. The Town Board declines to make an exception.
- f. Timber Permit.
- g. Road signs for 13th road – The cost will be \$434.60 and will be installed by the County Highway Department.
- h. E-mail from Karen Wollenburg with invitation to join the Marquette Co. Ice Age Trail Chapter.
- i. Marquette Now letter informing us that we are entitled with membership to two free web sites. The information was given to Gene Mucciolo.
- j. Veolia Environmental Services Bid – Their bid is \$1 different than Waste Management's bill.

Citizens and Board Concerns

- a. ATV's were reported in Muir Park –The Sheriff's office was contacted. ATV's are only allowed in the park during the archery club meetings.
- b. Recycle Center – The Wednesday evening hours will not start with the new daylight savings hours. Evening hours will start on Wednesday, April 18th, 2007.
- c. Recycle Center issues – Dorothy is using her car since there is no electricity and heat in the shack. Discussion followed. Dorothy will be compensated for her gas at the rate of \$15 per Saturday since the electricity went out. We will look for a new heater to replace the one that is there.

- d. Election Report –The election went well. We had 42 voters, which was less than usual for a February Primary.
- e. Recycling Information – Recycling information can be found on Waste Management’s website.
- f. Trenching for electric wire to Recycle Center – Digger’s Hotline will be contacted three days prior any trenching work.

Vouchers

Checks were presented and discussed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to pay said bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Set Meeting Dates: Next Town Meeting will be March 12th, 2007 at 7 pm.
The Annual Meeting followed by the Town Meeting will be April 10th, 2007 at 7pm.

Business Concluded

Gene Mucciolo, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk