

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
May 14, 2007**

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

Present: Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg, Mary-Anne Raab
Others: Steve Raab, David Rieckmann, Wesley Buss, Charles Church, Pam Conklin, Dorothy Schwochert, Margarete Worthington, Gene Mucciolo, Candy Bulgrin, Randy Fletcher, Dee Fletcher, Geri Kerl, Ron Kerl

Agenda:

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of Finance Reports for item 2B. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

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

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the Finance reports. All in favor, motion carried.

Fred Wollenburg addressed the salary increase voted in at the Annual Town Meeting. The salary increase will not take place until April 2009.

Open Bids for Mowing – Town Hall and Buffalo UP Cemetery

Town Hall mowing bids were as follows:

Orla Kuhns \$37.50 each time or \$600 per season

Bruce Krivanek \$45.00 each time or \$720 per season

B & C Lawn Service \$40.00 each time or \$640 per season

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept Orla Kuhns' bid for the Town Hall mowing. All in favor, motion carried.

Buffalo UP Cemetery mowing Bids were as follows:

Bruce Krivanek \$125.00 each time or \$2000 per season

B & C Lawn Service \$170.00 each time or \$2720 per season

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept Bruce Krivanek's bid for the Buffalo UP Cemetery mowing. All in favor, motion carried.

All mowing done prior to this meeting will be paid at the accepted bid pricing to Orla Kuhns for the Town Hall mowing and B & C Lawn Service for the Buffalo UP Cemetery mowing.

Request for CSM: Hunter Property

Wayne and Mary J. Hunter, represented by Pam Conklin, their daughter, are requesting their 35.85 acres to be divided into 5.10 acres and 29.76 acres. The Plan Commission has recommended approval based on the tax records and not the difference recorded by the surveyor due to the fence line. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to approve the CSM. All in favor, motion carried.

Request for Reclassification of 14th Road

Randy Fletcher requests that the Town support a request and submit an application to the State to reclassify 14th Road as a rustic road. Randy Fletcher has collected 68 signatures of residents who reside on 14th Road. Discussion followed. The Town will be required to pay for the rustic road signs and may ask for donations to cover the cost since it is not in the Budget. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion that the Town will submit the resolution and application to the State to reclassify 14th Road as a rustic road. All in favor, motion carried. The resolution will be posted for 15 days prior to the June Town Meeting.

Appoint/reappoint members of the Land Use Planning Committee

Resolution #2007-1 was read appointing David Rieckmann to a term of 3 years ending April 2010. Wesley Buss was reappointed to a term ending April 2008. Charles Church was reappointed to a term ending April 2009. Jan Banicki was reappointed as the member from the Town Board to said commission ending April 2009 when her current elected term expires. The resolution will be posted for 15 days prior to the June Town Meeting.

County Zoning Update

The proposed Marquette Zoning changes were reviewed and discussed. Zoning sent a letter regarding commercial building inspections and code enforcement. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the option #2 –Our community is not opposed to the County rescinding the COMMERCIAL building code portion of the County building code. All in favor, motion carried.

Marquette Co Economic Development Membership

We have been assessed \$200. No one could remember if we paid this bill last year or not. Donna Seddon will check the records and report back to the Board.

Hwy 22 Wayside Update

The County has mowed the wayside and will continue to mow throughout the summer. The County feels that the restrooms should be repaired, as they are important to the Wayside. Fred Wollenburg will continue to pick up the trash as he has done for 3 years. There are six dead oak trees that need to be taken down. Fred Wollenburg will contact the DOT again for the status of the Wayside purchase. Jan Banicki will contact Luther Olsen to help give this issue some momentum towards resolution.

Ordinance Violations: Correspondence

All the violators that were sent a letter stating that May 1st was the deadline to comply or they will get a citation were discussed. The Town does have forfeitures for each ordinance violation as part of the ordinance. A list needs to be compiled of the forfeitures before citations can be issued. Discussion followed.

Budget Expenses for Furnace Expenses

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to add the 2006 budget surplus of \$2,798 to the 2007 Town Hall Maintenance Budget in order to offset some of the expense for the new furnace. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

- a. Brookfield Attorney—Offered to handle our legal requirements.
- b. Omni Associates—Will help us with our recreational and park plans.
- c. HISUP Program—Hazard funding is available to correct dangerous parts of highways.
- d. Timber Permit—Thomas J. O'Malley, W4685 Grouse Dr., Montello to have logs and pulp cut on 80 acres.

Citizens and Board Concerns

- a. Town Highway/Road Tour—The County Highway Department submitted a list of the roads that were inspected and suggested for repair during the Road Tour. Discussion followed. The following roads were discussed for improvement:

\$32,000	17 th Court from 18 th Rd east to south Golden Rd.
\$5,000	Golden Rd. west of RR tracks
\$47,000	17 th Rd from 17 th Court north to Gillette Rd.
<u>\$2,000</u>	14 th Rd. culvert extension
\$86,000	

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to spend \$86,000 for the listed road improvements. All in favor, motion carried.

Vouchers

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

Set Meeting Dates:

The next Large Item Pickup dates will be August 4th and again in October.

The next Town Meetings will be June 12th, 2007 at 7 pm.

July 24th, 2007 at 7 pm.

August 13th, 2007 at 7 pm.

Open Book will be July 19th, 2007 from 4-6 pm at the Town Hall.

Board of Review will be August 8th, 2007 at 6-8 pm at the Town Hall.

Business Concluded

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk