

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
December 10, 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: Tom Onofrey, Wesley Buss, David Rieckmann, Steve Raab, Charlie Church, Ron Kerl, Roger Wolff

Agenda:

Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Town Zoning Plan Discussion

Tom Onofrey, Marquette County Zoning Administrator, opened the discussion explaining the status of the proposed changes to the County Zoning Ordinance. The County will conduct two informational meetings in January 2008 to present the draft ordinance and ask for questions. The most obvious areas that will be under discussion are the number of unlicensed cars allowed and the Resource Protection District designation. The Town of Buffalo is concerned as to how our sub division/land division ordinance could be incorporated into County Zoning. Tom Onofrey explained that as long as our ordinance is more restrictive than the County's ordinance, all requests would be sent to the Town Board for approval first. The County would enforce our more restrictive ordinance. Discussion followed.

Minutes:

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the Town Meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Jean Rataczak reported that she has noticed missing improvements on some tax bills so she contacted Associated Appraisal Consultants. The new appraisers were not given the improvements by the previous appraisers. Donna Seddon will send copies of the 2005 through 2007 building permits to the new appraisers. Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Discussion followed. Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the finance reports. All in favor, motion carried.

Rustic Road Update

The Rustic Road Board received the approval letter from Town of Marcellon. The rustic road has been approved without contingency. We can now collect for the 4-6 signs that will be put up in the spring.

Response to the Marquette Co. Economic Development Corporation

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to have the clerk write a letter informing MCEDC that their request for \$200 in 2008 arrived after our budget was finalized and that we budgeted \$100 for 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

Request to take over the Rood Cemetery on Hwy F

The Rood Cemetery on Hwy F has been abandoned. A records search shows that it is no longer privately owned. William Dieckow was the good Samaritan caretaker until he became ill. Others now mow it. We have a request for the Town to take over the abandoned cemetery and a

second request for burial of William Dieckow in the Rood Cemetery. Discussion followed. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion for the Town to take over the Rood Cemetery and for the Town to create a resolution or ordinance for the management of abandoned cemeteries. All in favor, motion carried.

Rural Insurance Representative

Roger Wolff is our new insurance representative. He presented our current policy for discussion. We need to add coverage for the second voting machine and the Clerk's office equipment and computer.

Correspondence

- Verizon Telephone—Annual notice of the hot line number to use before digging.
- Rural Insurance—Introduction of Roger Wolff as our new representative and a request to be added to the December agenda.
- City of Montello—We received a copy of the 2008 Joint Fire District Budget and the distribution.
- Waste Management—We received a letter of explanation for the price increase and a new contract. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the increase and the new contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- Snow plowing by County—David Rieckmann expressed his concern over the lateness of plowing his road on Sunday after the last snowstorm. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki stated that she had received two calls complaining about road plowing on Hwy 22 and County Road O. Ron Sell, Highway Commissioner, wants all calls or complaints about snow plowing to be made to him.. Discussion followed concerning road plowing priorities. The most traveled roads are plowed first (Hwy 23 East and then Hwy 22 South). I39 is the only road plowed during the hours of 10 PM and 4 AM.
- Karen Wollenburg found a grant that will pay for a kiosk at the John Muir Park. She has turned over the information to the County Clerk since Marquette County has to request the grant information and apply for the grant.

Review and Approve Vouchers

The vouchers were presented and discussed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to pay said vouchers. All in favor, motion carried.

Affirm next Meeting Date

The next Town Meeting will be Monday, January 14th, 2008 at 7 pm.

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