

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
May 12, 2008**

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: David Rieckmann, Charlie Church, Joel Burbach, Doris Smith, Don Smith, Dean Schwersinski, Margarete Worthington

Agenda

Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to add the May 5th Road Tour minutes to item 2 – Approve meeting minutes and to approve the agendas changed. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the April 8, 2008 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the April 24, 2008 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the May 5, 2008 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Discussion followed.

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

Ordinance Update and New Ordinances Approval

- A. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the changes as read to Chapter 3 – Fee Schedule. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the changes as read to Chapter 4 – Mobile Homes, Manufactured Homes and Recreational Mobile Homes. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the changes as read to Chapter 5 – Emergency Service Protection Charges. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the changes as read to Chapter 9 – Health and Sanitation. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the Chapter 11 – Telecommunications Antennas and Towers as read and approved by the Land Use Planning Commission. Discussion called for. None. All in favor, motion carried.

Buffalo Township Zoning Update

- A. Public Meeting to be held Wed., May 28th, 2008. The notice will be sent out in the Spring Newsletter.

Citations Update

- A. Dean Schwersinski – Mr. Schwersinski appeared at the meeting and paid for his NSF check. He was told that he had until 5/31/08 to clean up his litter and junk. His citation will be addressed at the June 9th meeting.
- B. William and Shirley Dieckow – The County has put up the property for sale. Charlie Church will talk to Diana Campbell, County Treasurer, to verify the tax deed. It is unlikely that the property will be sold for the asking price. The Town will have to decide its position and send a letter to the County Property Committee.

Bid Update

- A. Mowing – James Brown has declined the opportunity to mow the UP Cemetery. Brad Schultz was notified that he could mow the UP Cemetery and the Rood Cemetery but he has not submitted his insurance certificate. The Town Clerk will contact him again and if he doesn't submit his insurance certificate by the end of the week, she will offer both cemeteries to Lawn Care Plus.
- B. Electric -- H & M Wiring has completed the new service and payment for their services is in the vouchers.

Update on Road Tour and Road Tour Meeting on May 5th, 2008

Discussion followed. Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the road maintenance estimated with the following changes:

1. Gem Road—(6/10)share repaving with Town of Packwaukee	\$25,000
2. 14 th Road—(3/4)share corner paving and brushing with Town of Marcellon	\$26,000
3. 14 th Road—replace culvert before next year	\$ 6,000
4. 13 th Road—replace culvert, ditch and patch	\$ 8,000
5. 12 th Road—replace culvert	\$ 2,000
6. 18 th Road—patch and brush and culvert	\$ 9,000
7. Buffalo Hills Road & 15th—take down dead trees on corner	\$ 2,000
8. Golden Road—ditch, new culvert, patch, brush	\$18,000
9. 15 th Road—ditch	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	\$99,000

All in favor, motion carried.

Report on the May 7th, 2008 County Zoning Meeting

Fred Wollenburg reported that the Zoning Committee received several letters concerning the ATV decision. A motion was made to change it and it was defeated. If residents have complaints they should be directed to contact Brent Miller, County Administrator.

Spring Newsletter

The draft newsletter was reviewed and corrected. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the newsletter with corrections. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion followed about the picnic.

Town Hall Maintenance

The Town Clerk asked for review and approval of a quote by Montello Powerwashing to caulk holes in the bricks and caulk & paint the eaves. The quote was reviewed. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to approve the quote and pay half down to Montello Powerwashing. All in favor, motion carried. They are to start work as soon as possible this week.

Correspondence

- A. Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP — They are the attorneys representing the Town of Shields in the law suit against the Montello Joint Fire District. This is tabled until after the Montello Joint Fire District Meeting on May 14th, 2008, where we hope to get some direction from the lawyer representing the fire district.
- B. Keweenaw Scrap Metal — Recyclers of tires and metal from Michigan.
- C. Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative – Notification of underground maintenance.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- A. Town Hall well – Don Smith suggested that we have the well checked and look into getting a pump of some sort. Discussion followed. We need water to water the new garden and grass. Other improvements – new bulletin boards and a new outhouse.
- B. Rustic Road Signs—Fred Wollenburg has contacted the Rustic Road Board for instructions on signs and sign placement. No answer so far.
- C. Speed limit for Town Roads – The Town of Packwaukee has posted all of their town roads with 45 mph speed signs. Discussion followed.
- D. ATVs – Margarete Wollenburg questioned the Town’s liability when ATVs cross Town Roads. Discussion followed.
- E. John Muir Park -- Joel Burbach asked who to contact about unleashed dogs in the Park. Contact the County, Rural Planning Committee.

Review and Approve Vouchers

The vouchers were presented and discussed. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to pay said vouchers. All in favor, motion carried. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to transfer \$19,030.60 from the Fire Fund I to the general account to cover the payment made for the new fire truck tanker. All in favor, motion carried.

Affirm next Meeting Date

The next Town Meeting will be Monday, June 9th, 2008 at 7 p.m.

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