

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
March 9, 2009**

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Present: Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg, Mary-Anne Raab
Others: Wesley Buss, David Rieckmann, Charles Church, Scott Hewitt, Ronald Sell, Shane Dedrick, Bob Mast, Shirley Mast, John Howe

Agenda

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

Minutes

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the February 9, 2009 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Discussion followed.

Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Discussion followed.

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

Temporary Stay of Large Scale Wind Energy Systems

This will be addressed at the April Town Board Meeting.

Montello Joint Fire District Meeting Update

Fred Wollenburg sent out letters to all the members of the fire district. Town of Shields has included the letter for discussion on their agenda. No other response received.

Recycle Center Damage/Accident Report

Donna Seddon will contact suppliers for bids to repair the damage to the fence and she will contact the driver that caused the accident, Rick E. Clark.

FEMA Road Grant--\$51,301.10 requested

We received a check for \$18,375 received on 3/2/09. We may still receive more as this check did not identify what part of the grant it was for. Town of Marcellan should be billed for their half of the repair to Barry Road.

Land Use Plan Recommendation

- A. Robert Mast, N1514 18th Road, Minor Land division—the Land Use Planning Commission recommends approval of this minor land division. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the Robert Mast minor land division. All in favor, motion carried. Grothman and Associates will add "This property can no longer be further divided" to the CSM before it will be signed.
- B. Ludwig & Gertrude Zimmerman and Buffalo Community Church, 14th Road, Minor Land Division—the Land Use Planning Commission recommends granting a variance to the Buffalo Community Church due to safety issues/concerns for church members since

they park on 14th Road because church parking is limited. They must cross the road before and after church. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to grant a variance to the Buffalo Community Church due to safety issues/concerns. All in favor, motion carried. This does not grant Ludwig & Gertrude Zimmerman a minor land division.

Backup Recycle Center Attendant Advertisement

Brook Cadigan and Laura Rygiewicz have expressed an interest in the position. Fred Wollenburg will talk to Brook Cadigan. Jan Banicki has talked to Laura Rygiewicz.

Recycle Center Usage

Since the Montello Recycle Center has been temporarily closed, our recycle center has seen a number of non residents using our recycle center. Montello Recycle Center plans to reopen but it is unknown how they plan to recycling. Discussion followed concerning ID cards or window stickers for Town of Buffalo taxpayers. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to require a Town of Buffalo ID card for use at the Recycle Center. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion followed on how to distribute the cards.

Town Credit Card

The clerk and treasurer are requesting a Town credit card to be used for purchasing McAfee virus protection for both of the town computers. The McAfee trial period has run out on both computers and Norton Virus software interferes with the accounting software on both computers. McAfee is offering a price reduction on three years of service but only if a credit card is used. Fred Wollenburg suggested that the clerk and treasurer explore other options for purchasing the McAfee virus protection and report back to the Board.

Bids

- A&B. Mowing & Fence. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to request bids for mowing and repairing the recycle center fence. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Others. Fred Wollenburg asked Ron Sell if the County Highway Department is planning on brushing the Town of Buffalo's designated roads. They will wait to have a review of the roads that need brushing.

Correspondence

- A. WTA—letter informing the Town of the stimulus money available for towns with bridges over 20 feet. We have no bridges over 20 feet.
- B. State of Wisconsin—letter informing the Town about Block Grants available.
- C. DNR—2009 Forest Tax Law Master File Printouts
- D. WTA—State Capitol Day (3/25/09)

Citizen and Board Concerns

- A. Can the bridge on 17th and 18th Roads, by Jack Whirry, have the railings widened as it is difficult to get farm equipment across the bridge? Ron Sell will look into flexible railings but bridge changes are subject to review by the State because the DNR protects the fish in the river.
- B. Shane Dedrick asked for clarification of the tabling of his minor land division request.

Review and Approve Vouchers

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

Affirm next Meeting Date

April Town Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7 pm.

April Town Board Meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2009 after the Annual Meeting

Land Use Planning Meeting will be Wednesday, April 29, 2009 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