

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
Town of Buffalo
April 20, 2009

Present: Fred Wollenburg, Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Mary-Anne Raab, Donna Seddon
Others: Marguerite Worthington, Richard Worthington, David Rieckmann, Joel Burbach,
Charles Church, Bob Miller—Left early, Kim Gaffney, Wesley Buss—Late arrival

Meeting Called to Order

Open Meeting Requirements Explained

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda

Bob Miller, seconded by Marguerite Worthington, made a motion to approve the agenda.
Motion carried. Yes – 11; No – 0; Absent – 1.

Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting

David Reickmann, seconded by Charlie Church, made a motion to accept the minutes as read.
Motion carried. Yes – 11; No – 0; Absent -- 1.

Guests:

- A. Bob Miller, County Board Supervisor District 14, addressed the audience. He updated the Township on the issues that have come before his committees in the past year – Agriculture and Extension Education, Land and Water Conservation, and Parks and Rural Planning. Last year's Clean Sweep was a success and will take place again this year. Land and Water Conservation have been very aggressive in correcting shoreline erosion from last year's flood. Parks and Rural Planning have added three committee members in order to help promote tourism in Marquette County.
- B. Kim Gaffney, Marquette County Sheriff, explained to the audience about the stimulus grant he has applied for that will provide money for two school liaison officers to Montello and Westfield schools; and for two additional patrol officers for three years. He urges county residents to sign up their cell phones on the Code RED system to receive emergency messages for Marquette County. Project Lifesaver has been added to help those residents that may need to wear a bracelet so they can be located if they have memory or wandering problems.

Town Reports

- A. 2008 Financial Report – Jean Rataczak gave the 2008 Cash Basis Report and Donna Seddon gave the 2008 Annual Report Statement and explanation. Our cash basis is healthy but our budget suffered loss due to reduced revenue from the State and additional expense for road repair due to the flood. The report reflects a negative balance of \$14,106.99 because the FEMA re-imbusement of \$18,375.00 was not received until March, 2009 and could not be included in the 2008 budget revenue. Discussion followed. The Town Board will have to review the 2009 budgeted revenue and expenditures since our State revenue will be reduced this year and for 2010. This information was not available in October and November of 2008 when the Budget

process took place. David Rieckmann, seconded by Charlie Church, made a motion to accept the Annual Report. Motion carried. Yes – 11; No – 0; Absent – 1.

- B. Fire District Budget – The Town of Shields is still refusing to pay their portion of the new fire truck. The City of Montello has paid the Town of Shields' share. We have not received a budget from the Joint Fire District for 2009. The next meeting is April 28, 2009.
- C. Recycling and Garbage – The Recycling Center took in \$5,002 this year and spent \$7,386.82 in services and wages. Even though we operated at a loss of \$2,384.82, we received a grant of \$4,429.66 that covered the loss and paid towards the expenses. We will not have to raise the \$1 per garbage bag fee. Damage to the Recycle Center fence will be addressed at the regular Town Meeting that follows.
- D. Ordinance Update -- Several ordinances were reviewed during 2008 and several small changes were made after the changes were posted to public review and comment. The Telecommunications Antennas and Towers Chapter 11 Ordinance was added in May 2008 to address the concerns of cell and radio towers.
- E. Building Permits 2008 – Our building permit revenue exceeded 2007 by \$195. It was not due to new construction but to building additions and the permit for the new cell phone tower.

Board and Elector Topics

- A. The approved Highway Aid for 2009 is \$103,409.80.
- B. Roads – The Town Board will take a tour with Ron Sell to check the roads. The bills for snow removal for the end of winter and brushing have already eroded the budgeted money for road repair. Brushing has been done on the Rustic Road and several dead trees near Buffalo Hill Estates were finally removed. The Hwy. 22 Wayside had not been conveyed to the County due to red tape.
- C. 2008 Highway Maintenance Budget -- \$199,668.
- D. 2009 Highway Maintenance Budget -- \$122,389. The Town Board will review the 2009 Highway Maintenance Budget due to the loss of State revenue for 2009. Road mowing may be reduced this year.

Other 2008 Expenditure Items requiring citizen action

- A. 2009 summer ball team--\$1800. David Reickmann, seconded by Marguerite Worthington, made a motion to pay the summer ball program \$1800 for 2010. Motion carried. Yes – 10; No – 1; Absent – 1.
- B. Mileage Rate – Joel Burbach, seconded by David Reickmann, made a motion to continue the mileage rate or \$.50/mile for 12 months. Motion carried. Yes–11; No–0; Absent– 1.

Set 2010 Annual Meeting Date: The 2010 Annual Meeting will be April 12th, 2010 at 7 pm.

Business Concluded

Wesley Buss, seconded by Charlie Church, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Yes – 11; No – 0; Absent – 1. Meeting is adjourned.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk