

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
TOWN OF BUFFALO
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jean Rataczak, Donna Seddon, Charles Corso, Mary-Anne Raab, Jan Banicki
Others: David Larkin, Joie Woodard, Cecil Redstrom, Laura Rygiewicz, Charles Church, Fred Wollenburg, Marianne Hanson, Pat Corso, John Goetz, Karen Wojtalewicz, Roger Wojtalewicz, David Rieckmann, Laurie Beahm, Bunny Paul, Fredrika Paul, Peggy Wilson, Scott Kempley

Presentation of Proposed 2015 Budget

Donna Seddon presented the 2015 Budget for \$289,828. The town levy will remain the same as 2014 or \$93,346 for 2015.

Discussion of Proposed 2015 Budget and Approval

Questions were requested concerning the 2015 Budget. Shared revenue will decreased by \$32 or \$12,292 for 2015. Transportation Aids are increased to \$133,755 in 2015. Marianne Hanson, second by Cecil Redstrom, made a motion to approve and accept the 2015 Town of Buffalo Budget of \$289,828. Yes – 20, No – 0, Abstain -- 1. Motion carried.

Business Concluded

Bunny Paul, second by Marianne Hanson, made a motion to adjourn. Yes – 21, No – 0, All in favor, motion carried. Meeting is adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
TOWN OF BUFFALO
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Present: Jean Rataczak, Donna Seddon, Charles Corso, Mary-Anne Raab, Jan Banicki
Others: David Larkin, Joie Woodard, Cecil Redstrom, Laura Rygiewicz, Charles Church, Fred Wollenburg, Marianne Hanson, Pat Corso, John Goetz, Karen Wojtalewicz, Roger Wojtalewicz, David Rieckmann, Laurie Beahm, Bunny Paul, Fredrika Paul, Peggy Wilson, Scott Kempley

Adopt the 2015 Town Tax Levy

Fred Wollenburg, second by David Larkin, made a motion to adopt the 2015 Town Tax Levy of \$93,346. Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain – 0. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Year 2015 Highway Expenditures

David Larkin, second by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to approve the 2015 Highway Expenditures of \$177,778. Yes – 21, No – 0, Abstain -- 0. All in favor, motion carried.

Business Concluded

Marianne Hanson, second by David Rieckmann, made a motion to adjourn. Yes – 21, No – 0, All in favor, motion carried. Meeting is adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
November 10, 2014**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Present: Jean Rataczak, Donna Seddon, Charles Corso, Mary-Anne Raab, Jan Banicki
Others: David Larkin, Joie Woodard, Cecil Redstrom, Laura Rygiewicz, Charles Church, Fred Wollenburg, Marianne Hanson, Pat Corso, John Goetz, Karen Wojtalewicz, Roger Wojtalewicz, David Rieckmann, Laurie Beahm, Bunny Paul, Fredrika Paul, Peggy Wilson, Scott Kempley

Agenda

Mary-Anne Raab, second by Jan Banicki, made a motion to change the Land Use Planning Meeting date to November 20, 2014 and approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes

Mary-Anne Raab, second by Jan Banicki, made a motion to delete “asked when the” under Citizen and Board Concerns D and approve the October 13, 2014 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer’s report. We have check #7075 for \$73.18 to Peter Pulvermacher that has been outstanding for too long. Discussion followed. It was decided to stop payment on the check and re-issue it minus the stop payment fee.

Donna Seddon gave the Budget report. Discussion followed.

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

Review Building Permits

The monthly building permits were reviewed.

Mark H. and Rebecca M. Kearns, N1290 17th Road, Dalton, WI are requesting a minor land division or exchange between landowners. The Land Use Planning Committee recommended approval. The chairman called for objections three times. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, second by Charles Corso, made a motion to approve the Kearns minor land division. Yes –2, No –0, Abstain –1. Motion carried.

Herbert J. and Laurie A. Beahm, N1183 17th Road, Dalton, WI are requesting a minor land division or exchange between landowners. The Land Use Planning Committee recommended approval. The chairman called for objections three times. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, second by Charles Corso, made a motion to approve the Beahm minor land division. Yes –2, No –0, Abstain –1. Motion carried.

Update on 16th Road Bridge

This bridge is currently rated at 42 and the rating will be updated sometime this month. Any rating below 60 indicates it needs repair or replacement. Charles Church explained that since the Union Pacific Railroad owns the bridge, we can take over the bridge or ignore the problem. Owning and repairing the bridge will cost the Town too much money at today’s costs. The Town is choosing to address the problem and our options are: (1) approach the railroad to close the bridge and create turnarounds, which the Town will not have to pay for; (2) approach the

railroad to provide an at grade crossing; (3) write letters to the railroad enclosing the most recent study and ask for repair of the bridge until they are forced to attend a State Public Hearing to resolve the neglect of the bridge. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to authorize Charles Church to use option 3 and write letters to the Union Pacific Railroad. All in favor, motion carried.

Report on 2014-15 Snow Plowing, Sand/Salt, Brushing, and Mowing

The Marquette County Highway Department is requesting a contract to provide services to each municipality. In the contract, the Town will be required to specify what services we authorize the County to provide. Charles Corso would like the Town to specify snowplowing after 2" or more; sand only on Town Roads unless approved by the Board; and easement mowing once in the Spring & Fall 5-6' wide. Brushing will be done by a private contractor as the County prices are too costly. Brushing will be 5' on either side of the road. Mary-Anne Raab, second by Jan Banicki, made a motion to approve the above proposal and contract with the County for snowplowing, sand/salt, and mowing. All in favor, motion carried.

Vandalism

Charles Corso is asking everyone to report any vandalism to him or to the County Sheriff. There has been a lot of sign vandalism near Smith's road and 17th Road. David Larkin has gotten pledges of \$190 to offset some of the cost of the vandalism to the Town road signs.

Report on 2014 Road Bids and Repairs

The bills from the County Highway Department for 13th Road TRIP Project and 16th Drive have exceeded the bid price. We do not have the bills for the balance of 17th Road and Golden Road. We will be \$11,425.02 over the approved bids. Jan Banicki, second by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$11,425.02. All in favor, motion carried.

Land Division, Donald F. Launder & Leonard C. Eiler, County Rd. O and 13th Rd.

This is a bankruptcy case concerning the 53.2574 acres. Jan Banicki, second by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to have Charles Church contact the lawyers requesting a CSM and \$100 fee. All in favor, motion carried.

Potholes in 16th Road

Scott Construction was contacted and they repaired the cracks and potholes at no charge.

Approve Tax Letter

The draft newsletter was reviewed. Mary-Anne Raab, second by Jan Banicki, made a motion to approve the draft 2014 Tax Letter. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Newsletter

The draft newsletter was reviewed. Jan Banicki, second by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the draft tax newsletter. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

This month's correspondence was reviewed.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- A. Charles Corso informed the Town that he has fixed or is addressing all the complaints from last month.
- B. David Rieckmann requested that the Board look at Grouse Road, where the shoulder is dropping off.
- C. Donna Seddon explained that the 1,233 population count does include the Amish adults as eligible voters. The 2014 Municipal Compliance Status has all property classes approved. We will not have to have a property re-evaluation.

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 Meeting Dates

The next Town Board Meeting – December 8, 2014 at 7 pm.

Land Use Planning Committee Meeting – November 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. if needed.

Business Concluded

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting is adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk