

Town of Buffalo Annual Meeting Minutes April 21st, 2015

The town Chairman called the Annual meeting to order @ 7:12 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a delay on starting meeting because there was no one to swear in newly elected officials. Town Board waited on arrival of Gary Sorenson to arrive with Oath of Office papers.

Present-Charles Corso, Ryan McReath, Jan Banicki, Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm

Others Present-29

Public Counters selected for the Annual meeting were Marianne Hansen and Fred Wollenburg.

Approve Agenda

Motion was made by David Rieckman to approve the Agenda. Second by Laura Rygiewicz.

In favor- 30 Opposed- 0 Abstain- 1 Motion Carried.

Approve Annual Minutes

Annual minutes from 2014 were read by Marianne Hansen. Motion was made by Fred Wollenburg to Approve. Second by Charles Corso. In favor- 32 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

Annual Cash Basis Report was read by Jean Rataczak. Treasurer also went over the Revenue & Expenses report. Motion to approve by Scott Kempley. Second by Fred Wollenburg.

In favor – 32 opposed- 0 Abstain- 1 Motion Carried.

Approve Montello Joint Fire District Budget

Montello Joint Fire District Budget was read. Motion to accept by David Larkin. Second by Fred Wollenburg. In favor- 32 Opposed- 0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.

Approve State Hwy Aid and Town Hwy Budget

Motion to Approve report of State Hwy aid of \$109,364 and Town Hwy Budget of \$205,907 by Robert Brockway. Second by John Nindorf.

In favor- 32 Opposed- 0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.

Discussion about fixing pot holes twice a year in April & October

The electors gave their input on local roads and their maintenance. David Rieckman spoke of potholes on 15th Rd near Buffalo Hills Rd just south of 15th Rd. Jean Rataczak spoke of repairs needed on 14th past Peter Steucks property by cemetery. Robert Brockway mentioned that work needed to be done on 16th Rd going east at start of Road (on state property and 16th Drive North on Grouse. The shoulder needs to be built up. Also around the curve by John Goetz property needed repairs.

2015 Expenditure Items

Remaining 2014 budget balance was read by Charles Corso.

Explanation of upcoming Revaluation by Charles Corso.

Motion was made by Pat Corso to put \$5000 in to the Revaluation CD that has been set aside for the Towns upcoming revaluation. Second by Roger Banicki.

In favor – 32 Opposed – 0 Abstain - 0 Motion Carried.

Rebuild of Fire Truck Tanker Township of Buffalo Share was explained by Charles Corso. The town will need \$17000 towards their share of rebuilding the tanker. The township also has a Fire Fund started for the upcoming need of a new fire truck. Motion was made by Scott Kempley to put \$17000 in fund for rebuild of tanker and to put \$5000 in to the fire fund CD. Second by Margerite Worthington. In favor – 31 Opposed -0- Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.

Payment of Town Board Members, Treasurer and Clerk for any time worked at Recycle Center. Motion was made by Peggy Wilson that if any of the town board members or the Treasurer or Clerk should be paid any hours worked at the Recycle Center. Second by Marianne Hanson. In favor – 32 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.

Gary Sorenson arrived with Oath of Office papers. Gary Sorenson swore in Charles Corso as Chairman. The Chairman Charles Corso then swore in Newly elected town Clerk Laurie Beahm. Then newly appointed Clerk then swore in new board Supervisor Ryan McReath. Then Annual meeting then continued.

Refurbish of the Town Hall was brought up. Mention painting the interior, fixing the fascia and soffit for the eaves, burying the gas line and caulking the windows and door. The attic wall north and south also need to be reinforced with lumber. Mention was made about a cushion for the bench in the rear of the room. Motion from Margerite Worthington to get quotes on work that needs to be done. In favor – 31 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried. Motion was made by Charles Church to postpone any remaining balance until all of the quotes come in. Second by Roger Banicki. In favor – 31 Opposed – 1 Abstain -0 Motion Carried.

Elector Comments and Concerns.

Margerite Worthington asked about posting the budget on the website after it had been approved. Charles Corso spoke about getting the word out about the website so people keep informed. Marianne Hanson asked Gary Sorenson if it could legally be done. David Rieckman spoke about the recycling attendant wages. It has been 5 years since there has been an increase. He recommended a 10 % increase from \$10.00 to \$11.00 for any attendant. Second by Joie Woodard. Motion was then made by Robert Brockway to Amend the motion Second by Pat Corso. In favor – 21 Opposed – 9 Abstain – 2 Motion Carried. Motion was then made by Robert Brockway to Bump the Wage from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Second by Pat Corso. In favor – 23 Opposed – 7 Abstain – 2 Motion Carried.

Next Annual meeting date

Motion was made by Fred Wollenburg to set the next Annual meeting date as April 19th, 2016 Second by Marquerite Worthington. In Favor – 32 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Marianne Hanson. Second by Fred Wollenburg. In favor – 32 Opposed -0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.