

Town of Buffalo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 9th, 2015

**The town Chairman called the regular meeting to order.**

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

Others Present-28

**Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve meeting Agenda from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 along with the addition of the approval of the minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, by Jan Banicki. Second by Ryan McReath. Motion Carried.

**Approve meeting minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 & October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015..**

Motion to approve the minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup> & October 19<sup>th</sup> by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried

**Approve Financial Reports.**

Financial Reports were read by Jean Rataczak and Laurie Beahm

Motion to accept financial reports by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

**Review of Building Permits**

There were no building permits to review.

**Review of vouchers**

The board reviewed all vouchers. Motion to approve all vouchers made by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Proposed revision was explained and the board reviewed the proposed revision to The Town of Buffalo General Ordinance Chapter 16 Concerning the Conservation Protection District. Fred Wollenburg expressed his concern and questioned the process in how it was being handled. Charles Corso explained that the Land Use Board had 30 days to hold a meeting from the date that the Land Use board had a tie vote to discuss this revision. Since that was not done the board could make their decision taking that in to consideration about the tie vote. Joie Woodard asked for clarification on the process and duties of the Land Use and Board of Appeals. Tom Onofrey was asked to clarify this. The Clerk read the Proposed Amendment for The General Ordinance change Concerning Chapter 16. A copy of the proposed map was attached.

Motion to Amend Chapter 16 to remove all private property owners from the Conservation Protection District by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried. David Larkin questioned what the land would then be zoned as. Tom Onofrey explained that it was change according to the Farmland Preservation map. Fred Wollenburg again stated his concern. Joie Woodard asked for explanation of the maps.

Charles Corso stated that the Town Board is waiting for a letter giving the town the ok from the RailRoad to move ahead on the removal of the asphalt on the 16<sup>th</sup> Rd Bridge.

Charles Corso stated that the town has sent a bill to Scott Koerner for the patching of the potholes caused by the logging operation.

Charles Corso gave an update of patching the potholes and brushing the sides of the roads in the township. He told the board that the two bids received for this service were- Marquette County Highway depts. Bid was \$3200. Root Down Tree Service was \$3000. Ryan McReath made the motion to accept the bid from Marquette County Highway Dept. Jan Banicki abstained. Charles Corso Second. Motion Carried.

**New Business**

The Board discussed the amendment to Section 16.14 regarding the General Zoning Ordinance concerning campgrounds. The Town Clerk read the proposed amendment. Jan Banicki made a motion to approve the amendment. Ryan McReath Second. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the payment of the upcoming reval of the township. Charles Corso stated that the town would have to pay \$5000 to Associated Appraisal in 2016, \$20,000 in 2017 and the remaining amount of \$11900. Bob Weiss questioned the amount that was being charged to do the assessment of the personal property. Laurie Beahm Clerk explained that it was not broke down but all rolled together in the total. Will talk to appraisers to see if there was a way to break it out. Jan Banicki made a motion to approve the payment to Associated Appraisal for the 2017 Town revaluation. Second by Ryan McReath. Motion Carried.

The Board Discussed the raising of permit fees and what they should be raised to. The board will think about what these charges will be. Changes being done are due to the raise in the cost of the service that the County does for the towns zoning. Jan Banicki made a motion to table this until December meeting Ryan McReath Second. Motion Carried.

The Board brought up possibility of special assement fees. Ryan McReath made a motion to table this until the December meeting. Jan Banicki Second. Motion Carried.

Discussion of CD's coming due. The Town does have 2 cd's coming due. The checking is now getting .16 % It was discussed whether or not to renew or just put back in the checking account. The board talked about upcoming items that the money might be needed for. A motion was made to not renew the cd's and to put it back into the checking account by Ryan McReath, second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

### **Citizen and Board Concerns**

Charles Corso stated that the fire Chief contacted him about installing a stop sign on 13<sup>th</sup> rd heading south where Gillette Road meets 13<sup>th</sup> road.

Fred Wollenburg stated that stop ahead sign on grouse road had blown down and needed to be put back up. Also gravel needed to be put on the sides of Grouse and Golden Road where it was paved.

Bunny Paul asked if there would be any excess funds left at the end of the year. She requested that the town purchase more chairs for the large crowds that are coming to the meetings. There are people that have to stand during the meeting.

Board discussed that they would have the highway department look at the possibility of adding the stop sign that was discussed.

Jean Rataczak stated that the new tax letters were printed and ready to be inserted. She asked that everyone please read them.

**Upcoming meetings** are November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. to adopt the budget and set the mill rate. December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Town meeting.

Motion by Ryan McReath to adjourn. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

Adjourned