

Town of Buffalo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**The town Chairman called the regular meeting to order @ 7:10 p.m. immediately following The Public Hearing.**

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

Others Present-13

**Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve meeting Agenda by Jan Banicki. Second by Ryan McReath. Motion Carried.

**Approve meeting minutes from January, 2016.**

Motion to approve the minutes from January, 2016 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 Jan Banicki. Second by Ryan McReath. Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Charles Corso gave update on asphalt removal of 16<sup>th</sup> Rd Bridge. The Railroad has a contractor that will do the work for \$3000.00. Marquette county will give us the use of 2 dump trucks at 8 hours each totaling \$1600.00.

A motion was made by Jan Banicki to approve the Union Pacific RR contractor to remove the asphalt at the cost of \$3000. And to approve the use of the Marquette county trucks at a cost of \$1600. Not to exceed total of \$4600.00. Second by Ryan McReath. Motion Carried.

Charles Corso gave update on the proposed stop sign at 13<sup>th</sup> Rd & Gillette. Motion made by Ryan McReath to put a yield sign on 13<sup>th</sup> Rd. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

Charles Corso updated the status on the fireproof file cabinet. Will be repaired soon and brought back to town hall.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**The Board discussed the Rezone request regarding Public Hearing** for RGLKW Trust (Robert & Libby Weiler), W4176 Co Rd O, Montello, WI 53949 are requesting to rezone from a Prime Agricultural District (AG-1) to a General Agricultural District (AG-2), lands described as follows: A part of the SE¼-SE¼ and part of the NE¼-SE¼, Section 24, T14N R9E, Town of Buffalo West, containing 20 acres more or less.

Board discussion on petition for rezone request regarding Public Hearing for RGLKW Trust (Robert & Libby Weiler), W4176 Co Rd O, Montello, WI 53949 are requesting to rezone from a Prime Agricultural District (AG-1) to a General Agricultural District (AG-2), lands described as follows:

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Charles Corso stated the Board has to follow the towns zoning rules. He stated that he needed to vote in denial of this request.

Ryan McReath stated that he did extensive reading on this matter but his decision is to vote in disapproval of this request.

Jan Banicki stated that she needs to deny the request due to the laws and the townships zoning restrictions.

In favor- 0 Opposed-3

The Clerk read the resolution disapproving the rezone request from Robert & Libby Weiler. The Board then signed the disapproval.

### **Board discussion on the number of election workers to be used at all elections.**

The board discussed the number of election workers that are needed at each election. The board made a resolution stating that depending on the election there could be as few as 3 election workers working during an election. There was a roll call vote.

Jan Banicki- In favor

Ryan McReath-In favor

Charles Corso-In favor

In favor – 3 Opposed – 0

The Clerk read the resolution of the boards approval. The board signed the resolution.

### **Discussion and Resolution of Public Participation regarding The Comprehensive Plan**

The board discussed the Public Participation Plan regarding The Comprehensive Plan. The Clerk read the Resolution. Roll Call Vote was held. Jan Banicki-in favor, Ryan McReath-in favor, Charles Corso- In favor. Motion to accept this resolution by Jan Banicki, Second by Ryan McReath. Motion Carried. Vote in favor-3 Opposed - 0

### **Discussion of speed limit by Muir Park**

The board held a discussion on reducing the speed limit by Muir Park. Jan Banicki stated that the speed limit will start on the south side of Hwy O before the hill and go past John Muir Park to the North up until 10<sup>th</sup> Road. Ryan McReath asked if this was a done deal or if the town still had any say in this matter. Jan stated that is a done deal.

### **EMS Proposal**

The Marquette County EMS is working on a proposal for EMS Housing. Jan stated that they are looking at getting an assistant to work with Tim Houslet to learn things before he retires.

### **Fire Department Agreement**

The board discussed the new proposed agreement with the Montello Fire Department. There will be a resolution at the March meeting. Charles Corso touched on a few points that were in the tentative agreement.

### **Marquette County Highway Department Agreement**

The Board discussed the upcoming agreement with the Marquette County Highway Department. Jan spoke that 3 meetings have been held and that the agreement is being drawn up.

### **Citizen and Board Concerns.**

Citizen Libby Weiler spoke on how she came to be in the township. She respects the boards decision on their rezone request. She just wanted to state that up and coming families moving in to the area might rethink things because of the towns zoning laws.

Ryan McReath spoke that he is against lowering the speed limit by John Muir Park. He agrees that there are problems at the intersection of Hwy F & O but that maybe there is another solution like signage.

Laura Rygiewicz spoke against the speed limit.

Robert Brockway stated that HWY F & O speed limit would be good because of accidents but not by Muir Park. He stated that that hill should be removed to solve the problem.

Gordon Bentley spoke of fatality that happened at HWY F & O and stated that he is in favor of lowering the speed limit.

Charles Corso mentioned phone call from Larry Moll about having brushing done on Hwy 22 for an area of about ½ mile. Will address this at the March meeting.

Charles Corso also mentioned that there have been numerous reports of IRS scams going on in the area. The IRS will not call you, they will contact you in the mail. He asked that everyone watch out for this and be aware.

Gordon Bentley stated that he received a call saying that he was going to be sued. So pay attention to your property and be aware of what is going on around you.

Motion to adjourn by Ryan McReath, second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**