

Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21st, 2016

The town Chairman called the regular meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present-38

Approve Agenda

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

Approve meeting minutes from February, 2016.

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

Review of Building Permits

The Board Reviewed Building Permits. The Board question the fees on the building permits presented and will check in to it.

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

Charles Corso gave update on asphalt removal of 16th Rd Bridge. The asphalt is removed. The goal is to have repairs done by the end of April or beginning of May.

Charles Corso gave update on the 13th and Gillette road sign. There has been a yield sign installed.

Charles Corso reported that the fireproof file cabinet repairs were done. He also mentioned that the election went very well. Thank you to all the election workers.

NEW BUSINESS

Montello School District gave a presentation by Kyle Hunter- school board, John Graff – co-principal & Duane Mosley-school board president. Handouts were given and everyone was allowed to ask questions regarding the upcoming referendum. The town clerk has copies of the handouts with information regarding the referendum. Information is also available on the school districts website.

Kathy McGwin & Karen Wiese spoke about the John Muir Route. There are 22 sights that use John Muir to tell their story. There are stories on the glaciers and how this area came about. There is a QR code for use with a mobile app at each sight. They would like to put a 12x12 sign at Hickory Hill

Charles Corso mentioned that there are people who's terms are expiring. If anyone is interested in being on either of these boards please let the clerk know by April 1st.

The Fire District Resolution was read by the town clerk. Motion was made to accept the Fire District Resolution. Roll call- Charles Corso-In Favor, Jan Banicki-In Favor, Ryan McReath-In Favor. Resolution was signed by Town Chairman-Charles Corso – witnessed by Clerk-Laurie Beahm.

The board discussed the Highway Department Agreement. The Highway Department is still working on the agreement.

Charles Corso mentioned that the Board has had no salary increases for a long time. Any increases including committee and board per diems would need to be done at the annual meeting.

The board discussed brushing on Grouse Rd. starting at Hwy 22 east for ½ mile. Brushing would be done 5 feet from asphalt and 20 foot high. Root Down Tree Service bid was \$2600.00 The Marquette County Highway Dept. bid is \$2523.87. There was a motion to accept the bid from the Marquette County Highway Dept. by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. All in favor-3 opposed-none. Motion carried.

Bids for lawn mowing were presented. Richard Rygiewicz gave a bid of \$349.99 per mow. Bruce Kirvanek gave a bid of \$320.00 per mow. A motion was made to accept the bid from Richard Rygiewicz by Jan Banicki. Second by Ryan McReath. Motion Carried.

Charles Corso told everyone that the Horicon National Wildlife Foundation would be coming to the town meeting on May 9th @ 7:00 p.m. They are looking for public input.

Charles Corso stated that the board was looking in to stocking Ennis Lake. The town board is trying to get a grant to help with this. Ryan McReath contacted the Fisheries' Dept. and they are willing to check the lake for fish population and to see what kind of fish and how the fish in the lake are doing. They will let us know their thoughts. Ryan stated that the board was looking for public input. Fredrica Paul asked if the barricades that block the lake access could be moved so handicapped people could access the lake. Charles Corso stated that the board would check in to this. David Reickman asked if they would do an inventory of the habitat as far as what is in the lake. Will this be a continuous stocking or would they reproduce to populate. Ryan McReath stated that these things would be decided after the testing is done. David Reickman agreed that this was a good idea. Marquerite Worthington stated that this is a county park so are they helping pay for this? Ryan McReath stated that it is a county park but the township owns the lake. Charles Corso said that this would be through the township with no help from the county. Shane Dedrich asked about ATV and snowmobile access to the lake. Shane also stated that the barricades should be moved. Charles Corso stated that the board would look in to this.

Charles Corso mentioned that the new signs are completed. The Highway Department has our old signs. It will be decided what to do with the signs. The town will post when the signs will be available. Would possibly put signs out before a town meeting. Suggestion was made that a

donation jar be put out for signs. Ryan McReath stated that Buffalo Township citizens have first dibs.

Discussion of fixing potholes in the township. A motion was made to fix all of the potholes in the township by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

Charles Corso stated that the town is in need of applicants to help at the recycle center. This would be to help when Laura Rygiewicz needs time off. If anyone is interested please let the town Clerk know. Applications are available.

Citizens & Boards concerns.

Shane Dedrich asked the board to consider a burning ordinance. He presented the board with a copy of a burning ordinance. The board stated that they would read it and discuss it at the May meeting.

Don Smith questioned whether the road thru the Wilderness was officially closed? He was concerned that the town was paying to put gravel on a road near Alan Turners and the Buchanan property. Jan Banicki stated that the road from Turners to Buchanans still belongs to the town. We need to maintain this road. Don stated that he thought the road was closed. Fredricka Paul questioned if the road from Buchanans that comes out on to Hwy O was officially closed. Jan Banicki stated she would check in to this.

David Rieckman stated that he would like to thank Shane for bringing up the burning ordinance issue. The towns Chapter 9 refers to this health and safety ordinance. David asked the board to please look at what Shane presented. David also stated that there was lots of heavy plowing damage on the sides of the roads. There is gravel on the roads creating hazard. Maybe the highway dept could use a little more caution on our delicate town roads. Jan asked that people call the Highway Dept on these matters.

Scott Kempley asked if the township would put an ad in the newspaper stating that the township did not implement the 45 mph speed limit on hwy F. Scott stated that he has had numerous calls about this matter. Ryan McReath stated also that he has received many calls regarding this issue. He also stated that he disagreed with the speed limit. He was disappointed that it didn't come to the town board for the decision. Scott Kempley stated that maybe 45 mph south of the hill by Hwy O going North would maybe be ok.

Charles Corso mentioned that people need burning permits now. He also stated that anyone campaigning needs to ask permission to put up signs. All signs need to be 33 feet from the center of the road in the township. There also is no campaigning on election day near the Recycling Center or the Town Hall.

Charles Corso listed the upcoming meetings. April 1st- Public Test for election equipment. April 5th Spring Election, April 19th-Annual Meeting.

A motion was made to Adjourn the meeting by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.