

**Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8th, 2016
Immediately following the Public Hearing @
Buffalo Town Hall**

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

Others Present-21

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order at 7:13 immediately following the public hearing. Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki. Second by Ryan McReath.
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the July 2016 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from July 2016 by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki.
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer gave their financial reports. Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki.
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the 2 building permits presented.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented. Motion to approve the vouchers by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki.
IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Charles Corso gave an update on the 16th RR bridge. July 14th the bridge opened. Charles Corso stated that the town would like to thank Charles Church for all of his help in this matter.

Charles Corso gave a reminder that the board and Committees will be attending a Board of Appeals training on August 18th.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the rezone request from Don & Doris Smith. The request is an amendment to the Town of Buffalo General Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 16, which proposed amendment is as follows:

Donald G & Doris I Smith, Owner, N1020 St Rd 22, Dalton, WI 53926 and Grothman & Assoc., Agent, Attn: Jim Grothman, P.O. Box 373, Portage, WI 53901 are requesting to rezone from an AG-1, Prime Agricultural District to an AG-2, General Agricultural District, the following described lands:

Part of the SE¼-NW¼, Section 22, T14N R10E, Town of Buffalo, containing 37.93 acres more or less
There was a motion to approve the request by Ryan McReath. Second by Jan Banicki. IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

Donna Richards ATV Route Presentation

The board had asked for more information on possible ATV trails in the township. Donna Richards gave a presentation on the ATV club and how it all started. The club was started in 2010 and has grown through most of Marquette County. She explained that the route is a road route not a trail route. The club is supported by the membership fees and by local businesses. They have very strict regulations. The club meets every 2nd Saturday of the month. The average age of the club members is 58 years old. She explained the process on getting trails in to the township. The board and the club would make a tentative route. There would be an informational meeting for anyone in the township to attend. She stated that the speed limit is 35mph. Marquette county has an ordinance to use county roads as connecting roads. The roads have to be properly signed (posted) with state approved signs. The town would need to have an ordinance in place which would be done by the township. The hours are 5 am until midnight. All routes run year round. Helmets are required for anyone under the age of 18. Donna Richards stated that the typical noise is around 96 decibels.

GEORGE FERRITER PRESENTATION

George Ferriter gave a presentation on District 42. He is running for this district and gave his background. The public was asked if he could answer any questions for them.

The board discussed the request from James & Laurie Briggs.

James & Laurie Briggs, N980 St Rd 22, Dalton, WI 53926 are requesting a Special Exception under Section 16.08(5) of the Town of Buffalo Zoning Ordinance for multi-family to allow for the placement of a manufactured home as a second dwelling in the same location as a recently removed mobile home on Lot 1, CSM 2306, in the NE¼-SE¼, Section 22, T14N R10E, **Town of Buffalo. Fire #'s N980 & N984 St Rd 22**

There is a Public hearing on September 8th @ 7:00 p.m. with the Board of Appeals regarding this request.

There was a motion by Ryan McReath to recommend to the Board of Appeals to accept this request. Second by Charles Corso.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 ABSTAINED-1 Motion Carried.

The board discussed the possible change of fees for business signs. Ryan McReath asked about how it would be regulated. The board tabled this to check more in to possible ideas.

The board discussed amending the budget to reflect the actual amount that the town gets to keep from the PILT payment instead of the total deposit which includes the amounts that get paid out to the county etc. There was a motion by Ryan McReath to amend the budget to show the amount of the towns share on the budget regarding the PILT payment. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board discussed the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the draft Chapter 16 ordinance and the draft zoning map. The board agreed that the animal units should be changed as stated. 2-5 acres in the AG 2 district is allowed 2 animals. If the property is 5 acres it would be allowed 3 animals and from 6 acres and up it would allow to add one animal per acre more. The animal units would refer to the appendix A that is located at the back of the ordinance. The drafts will now go to DATCP to be reviewed.

There will be a public hearing regarding the ordinance and zoning map after it is reviewed by DATCP. Possibly in October.

Board setting of date for Comprehensive Plan hearing.

The board discussed the date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing will be held on September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

The board discussed the request from the Towns Association regarding a resolution for all counties, cities, villages and towns to adopt a resolution for transportation for roads. The Clerk read the copy of the resolution. There was a motion to accept and sign this resolution and to move forward with it by Jan Banicki. Second by Ryan McReath.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board had a discussion on rescinding chapter #12 for building permits because the county takes care of all of the townships building permits now. There was a motion by Jan Banicki to rescind chapter #12. Second by Ryan McReath.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board set the date of August 25th at 7:00 p.m. for the budget workshop. This workshop will be to start working on the upcoming 2017 budget numbers.

Charles Corso stated that the clerk is looking for more help for the upcoming elections including possible greeters. The clerk will nominate the new people at the September board meeting for the board to approve.

The board heard the citizens and board concerns.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

August 25th Budget workshop @ 7:00 p.m.

September 8th Board of Appeals hearing @ 7:00 p.m.

September 12th Public Hearing for Proposed Comprehensive Plan Update @ 7:00 p.m.

September 12th Regular Town Board Meeting Immediately following the Public Hearing.

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

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

Adjourned