

**Town of Buffalo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 10th, 2016  
Immediately following the Public Hearing @  
Buffalo Town Hall**

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

Others Present-23

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.  
Ryan McReath.

Second by

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the September 2016 & the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from September 2016 & the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 3 building permits presented.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented. Motion to approve the vouchers by Jan Banicki.

Second by Ryan McReath.

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Charles Corso gave a reminder to citizens that when requesting a permit the landowner needs to allow access to the property for the board members and the committees.

Charles Corso mentioned about the repair of the washouts on 17<sup>th</sup> Road and Barry Road. He also explained that the county would be cutting alongside the roads double width. The school bus company has placed a complaint about the brush hanging to low on 17<sup>th</sup> road in front of the Phil Trahms residence. This needs to be taken care of.

Charles Corso reminded everyone with the election that all signs need to be 33 feet from the center of the road.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed the following request from James & Laurie Briggs. The Planning Commission is recommending that the board approve the request.

James & Laurie Briggs, N980 St Rd 22, Dalton, WI 53926 are requesting to rezone from an AG-1, Prime Agricultural District to an AG-3, Agricultural-Residential District, the following described lands:

Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map 2306 being part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , T14N R10E, Town of Buffalo, containing 11.78 acres more or less

Ryan McReath mentioned he was concerned about the properties sharing a well. He asked the board to think about leaving a shared well feeling that it is a problem if they were to ever sell outside the family. It was stated that the well is on the old property. James Briggs mentioned that the well also serviced the building that will be on the new property.

Jan Banicki made a motion to leave it as a shared well as it is now & to grant the request.

Second by Ryan McReath.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk read the new ordinance 10-10-2016 The board signed the ordinance and the Clerk witnessed.

The board discussed the adoption of the Town of Buffalo General Zoning Ordinance Chapter 16. Charles Corso explained that the Land Planning Commission has worked for many months on this.

Ryan McReath made a motion to approve the ordinance for the Town of Buffalo General Zoning Ordinance Chapter #16. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The clerk read the new ordinance 10-10-2016 #2. The board signed the ordinance and the Clerk witnessed.

The Board discussed the possible ATV road route in the township. Ryan McReath spoke and expressed his thanks to everyone regarding the ATV Public Hearing. He felt it was a really great meeting. He explained that it was as close as a 50-50 vote as it could be. He made a proposal to make the route down Hwy F from township line by Packwaukee thru to Hwy O to get to Moundville and 10<sup>th</sup> Road to Hwy F. This would exclude the roads that were on the petitions that were brought to the public hearing. He also proposed to give access to anyone from the township to get to the trail. But no one could come into the township except on the signed route. Ryan also mentioned that he had concern about this because the club does not police roads that are not on the route. He had contacted Kim Gaffney in regards to this and the Sherriff's Dept would take care of any complaints. He proposed that this would be until September of 2017. He also mentioned that maybe the time should be looked at. Ryan mentioned that the suggestion of the September date to look at it again would be because the way he understood it, if the town wants to make any changes for next year it would have to be done before October. The county meets in October every year to approve roads. Jan mentioned that on Hwy F the speed limit is 45 mph. and the ATV speed is 35mph so the speed

already is slower there. Jan mentioned that people can get farm usage licenses for their ATVs to ride in the township.

**Joie Woodard** made a comment about the hours. She thinks that the hours are too early and too late.

**Jerry Lynch** stated that if this is recreational then there is no reason to be so early or late.

**David Rieckman** feels that this just opens up another element to take away from the quiet. He explained that we should encourage more healthy activities. The township ranks very low in the health statistics. He still does not feel that this brings any economic development to the township.

**Bill Barth** stated that he understands but he explained that not everyone has the same abilities to bike or get around. But not everyone can get around the same. Sometimes the ATV is the only way to get around.

**Phil Trahms** stated that he was under the impression that there were considerably more people against the route. He is against the route.

**Laura Rygiewicz** explained that she felt there were more against the route. She stated that she was in disagreement of the route.

**Ryan McReath** explained that the board considered the 2 petitions that were brought to the public hearing. He explained that his proposal excluded the roads on the petitions which is what they were requesting.

**John Goetz** stated his appreciation about the board doing this. He also stated that he disagreed with the hours.

**Peggy Wilson** stated that she understands that the people that attend the meetings usually are the ones that disagree and the ones that email usually agree. She feels that if we don't try it then there is no way to know. She asked if the board would look at the time. Do we really know? Maybe we should try it and then look at it again next year.

**Jan Banicki** stated that there are only two places that the route could cross Hwy 22. This is because it has to go straight across the Hwy.

**Don Smith** asked what the purpose of the ATV route was all about.

Charles explained that the road route would connect the other townships. Don feels there is no purpose for the route.

Jan & Ryan agreed that the hours are too early and too late. They proposed 7:00 am to 8:00 or 9:00pm.

**Bunny Paul** proposed 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. in case someone wanted to ride to work.

Jan suggested to only open the Y route. The others would have to trailer to the route.

**Motion** by Jan to open the Y trail which Ryan proposed (from Packwaukee down Hwy F to Hwy O and 10<sup>th</sup> Rd to Hwy F) so they can get thru the township of Buffalo to Moundville and Packwaukee and to make the hours from 6:00 am to 9:00 p.m. to be reheard in September 2017. Second by Ryan McReath. IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-1 MOTION CARRIED

Wayne Beahm stated that he appreciates what the township has done but it is not going to help the people in Buffalo Township. He feels that the residents should be allowed to get to the trails.

Charles Corso mentioned the Fire District meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. Charles Corso informed the citizens about the Just Fix It meeting that the board attended on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The clerk explained the handout asking the citizens to read it and to act about the Just Fix it campaign.

The board reviewed the budget and its total summary. Motion by Ryan McReath for the board to endorse the budget planning totals. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR -3 OPPOSED – 0 The board then signed that they endorse the budget for the upcoming 2017 year.

Ryan McReath read the proposed fire district shared cost agreement. (Missed under joint fire district line #12.) This agreement will be finalized at the next fire district meeting and brought back for approval.

The Clerk Laurie Beahm mentioned some of the new laws regarding voting and stated the posted hours that she will be available.

### **CITIZEN AND BOARD CONCERNS**

Bunny Paul mentioned that the perennial pot holes on 14<sup>th</sup> Road are back. She asked that maybe we could find someone who can fix them right. Maybe the town should spend more and fix it right.

### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @7:00 p.m.- Quarterly Towns Association meeting.

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.- Montello Joint Fire District meeting

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 if needed.

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Presidential Election

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. Public Budget Hearing.

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 following the Public Hearing-Regular Town Board Meeting.

Charles Corso mentioned that the fire calls are paid by the township if the insurance companies don't pay. We all need this service.

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

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNED