

**Town of Buffalo  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 13th, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
Buffalo Town Hall**

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

Others Present-13

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance by Chairman Charles Corso

Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki

Second by Ryan McReath

IN FAVOR-3            OPPOSED-0            Motion Carried

The board reviewed the January 2017 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from January 2017, 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 Jan Banicki.

Second by Ryan McReath.

IN FAVOR-3            OPPOSED-0            Motion Carried.

The board had no building permits for the month.

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 reminded everyone that all fire calls are due from the township to the fire district within 60 days per the agreement.

Charles Corso reminded everyone that all mailboxes need to be 18 inches off of the asphalt.

The Chairman read the results from the 2017 Caucus as follows.

**Results of Nominations from the January 2017 caucus are as follows.**

**Chairman:**

1. David E Berg
2. Charles R Corso

**Supervisors:**

1. Roger B Wallis
2. Jan Banicki
3. David Larkin

**Treasurer:**

Jean Rataczak

**Clerk:**

Laurie Beahm

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board had a discussion on the new fire truck. The purchase of the new fire truck won't be until 2019. There was a suggestion of putting the held money of \$100,000.00 in to a CD. The Treasurer explained the current rates. There was a motion by Ryan McReath to table putting the money in to a CD.

The board Discussed the setting up of emails for the town board. A motion by Ryan McReath to approve setting up board emails through the website as long as it doesn't exceed \$200.00. Second by Jan Banicki. In Favor-3 Opposed-0 Motion Carried

The board mentioned the upcoming meeting at Marquette County regarding the EMS which will be on March 7th, 2017. There will be a Public Safety meeting at 1:00, Property meeting at 4:00, and a Joint meeting at 5:00. Jan Banicki gave a brief description and update regarding the EMS proposal. So far they have hired 4 part time EMT's and Have rented 2 houses for them to stay in. One house is in Montello and one is in Westfield.

Charles Corso gave an update on the starting of brushing & tree trimming in the township. The brushing will begin in February. They will be starting with the bus route.

The Board held a discussion regarding the road work done on 13<sup>th</sup> Rd & Gillette Ave. Charles Corso explained situation on the road work done. It was explained how the bid was done and the work that was completed. We know there is more to be done but It costs \$80,000 per mile to asphalt. The township doesn't have enough money to do this. Charles Corso gave a report on the cost of the repairs that had been done.

The board discussed the snow plowing situation and the use of sand & salt on the roads. The Chairman explained the large bill for the month of January. Charles Corso asked if everyone would think that putting sand & salt at the intersections, curves and both hills would be sufficient. There was citizen input and with a show of hands it was a unanimous decision that everyone felt that the spreading of sand and or salt should only be spread at the intersections, on the curves and on both sides of the hills. Citizen Margarite Worthington expressed her concern over how the snow plowing has been done. Complaints were made regarding the first February snow fall that the roads were not plowed until the next day. Multiple citizens commented that they agreed that this was true. It was not plowed in a timely manner.

## **CITIZENS & BOARD CONCERNS**

Joel Burbach expressed that he would like to hear from the candidates that are running to talk about their experience on any other boards.

Laurie Beahm mentioned a list of people including license plates & vehicles for the State Department of Equalization that will be out looking at properties. Also there was a reminder of the upcoming reval for 2017.

Charles Corso mentioned that anyone interested in the Planning Commission or the Board of Appeals to sign up with the Chairman Charles Corso.

Upcoming meeting dates:

February 21st, 2017 @ Spring Primary Election 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

March 2nd, 2017 – Planning Commission (Scott Kennedy amendment request)

March 13th, 2017- Regular Town Board Meeting

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

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned