

Town of Buffalo Annual Meeting Minutes April 18th, 2017

The town Chairman called the Annual meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others Present-18- Total with Town Board-23

Public Counters for the Annual meeting were selected to be Marianne Hansen and Scott Kempley. Roll Call Count of voting electors was done by show of hands. 22 electors present (one of which came in during approval of the Annual minutes.) Making total count 23

Approve Agenda

Motion was made by MariAnn Hanson to approve the Agenda. Second by Charles Church.

In favor- 22 Opposed- 0 Abstain- 0 Motion Carried.

Approve Annual Minutes

Motion to Approve Annual minutes from 2016 by Melanie Weiss. Second by Marianne Hanson.

In favor- 23 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

Annual Tax Report was read by Jean Rataczak. Motion to accept by Roger Wallis. Second by Charles Church. In favor- 23 Opposed -0 Abstain – 0

Clerk read financial report for Revenues and Expenses from 2016. Motion to approve by Scott Kempley. Second by Charles Church.

In favor – 22 opposed- 1 Abstain- 0 Motion Carried.

Approve Montello Joint Fire District Budget

Montello Joint Fire District Budget was read by the Clerk. Motion to accept by Marianne Hanson. Second by Robert Kelm. In favor- 22 Opposed- 0 Abstain – 1 Motion Carried.

Approve State Hwy Aid and Town Hwy Budget

Charles Corso stated Highway Aid from the state in the amount of \$113,755.32

Motion to approve the State Hwy Aid from Marianne Hanson. Second by Pat Corso.

In Favor-22 Opposed-0 Abstain-1

Elector Input on Roads & Road maintenance.

Scott Kempley asked if the Board was looking for any roads to start on and made the suggestion of 10th Road for needed Repairs. Joel Burbach mentioned the aprons along the road. The ground asphalt seems to pack down but still brakes off and goes in to ditch. He has found large chunks in the ditch. Jan mentioned that he should go to the County regarding this because it is on the County Roads. Ryan McReath asked about the Amish and possible licensing of their buggies. He stated that the roads show definite damage from the buggies. Kyle Kidney stated that he has been in Shipshewana Indiana and all of the Amish buggies there have a license. Shane Dedrich asked if the township can solicit grants for the roads. Charles Corso stated that he would look in to it.

Electoral Discussion and Decision on Changing from Caucus to Nomination for Election.

Laurie Beahm –Clerk read the difference between Caucus and Nomination.

Charles Church spoke in favor of the town Caucus. He feels that it is extra work for the candidates as well as the clerk.

Joel Burbach asked if Jan Banicki had any input regarding Caucus versus nomination. Jan stated that she had spoke with some clerks from other townships. It was a concern that it was possible to stack the caucus.

Shane Dedrick spoke in favor of the town Caucus.

Peggy Wilson spoke regarding the primary elections and the cost that it involves. She agrees with the Caucus procedure.

Motion by Shane Dedrick to retain the Caucus procedure. Second by Charles Church.

In favor-22 Opposed-1 Abstain-1 Motion Carried.

Annual meeting Motions for Action

Annual Meeting Date:

Annual meeting is to be held the 3rd Tuesday in April 2018. Motion to hold the annual meeting on Tuesday April 17th, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. by Roger Banicki. Second by Scott Kempley.

In Favor-22 Opposed-0 Abstain-0 Motion Carried

Revue of the Town Board Compensation

The Clerk read the Town Board Compensation that took effect after the April 4th, 2017 Election. Meeting per-diem raised from \$30.00 per 3 hour increment to \$45.00 per 3 hour increment. Salary increases are as follows:

Chairman from \$3200 to \$4000. Treasurer from \$5000 to \$7800. Clerk from \$7500 to \$9900 and Supervisors from \$1800 to \$2800

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Marianne Hanson. Second by Roger Banicki.

In favor – 23 Opposed -0 Abstain – 0 Motion Carried.