

**Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2017
@7:00 p.m.
Buffalo Town Hall**

Present-Charles Corso, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki, Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm

Others Present- 15

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. immediately following the Public Hearing by Chairman Charles Corso

Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki.

Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the July 2017 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from July 2017, by Roger Wallis.

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 Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board reviewed 1 building permits for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented. Motion to approve the vouchers by Roger Wallis.

Second by Jan Banicki

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the CSM's for the Smith Rezone and the Millard/Cutsforth Rezone. The CSM's were signed by Chairman Charles Corso & Witnessed by the Clerk-Laurie Beahm

The Ordinance for the Smith Rezone was read by the Clerk. The board signed the Ordinance. The signing was witnessed by the Clerk.

Charles Corso explained that Charles Paskey is building a home on the east side of Knight Lake for informational purposes.

Charles Corso stated that a petition regarding the Montello Schools had been turned in to the schools which will mean there will need be a referendum to request the funds to do the needed maintenance on the school.

Charles Corso showed the new fire proof file cabinets in the town hall that were approved at the July 10th meeting.

The Chairman stated that there would be a budget workshop on August 24th at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public but there will be no comments from the audience at this workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the current Connecting ATV Road Route. The September meeting will be when the board looks at the existing road route and the past months. The board will be deciding on whether or not to keep the existing ATV road route. Joel Burbach gave the board some informational materials regarding the noise levels of the ATV's.

The board stated that they will be looking at a proposal to add to the route and are asking for input from people. The board will discuss this at the September 11th,2017 meeting. The board will vote and make a decision at the October regular board meeting regarding any new additions to the road route to present to the county.

The board discussed the fees for permits in the township. Charles Corso proposed that from 100-1000 square feet the fee be \$100.00. Then from 1000 feet and up to be at \$200.00. It was explained that this would be to help with the fees that are payed

to the County for doing the building permits and taking care of our zoning. At the present time that charge is \$7500 plus. Jan Banicki requested that this should be tabled so the board can get more information on the current fees. The board will be discussing & deciding on the permit fees in September.

The board talked about the concern about the DNR and how taxes are paid on this property in the township. Charles Corso mentioned that this is going to take some time to investigate. Are they paying taxes and how much. The board will keep everyone informed. The Clerk read a brochure that Charles Church found regarding this issue.

The board discussed the setting of a date to start reviewing some of the Ordinances to make updates. The board will begin reviewing some of the Ordinances starting at the September meeting.

The Chairman stated that the brushing won't start until October because of the Oak Wilt. They will start on the bus route. If anyone needs brushing along the roads please notify the town board.

Charles Corso mentioned that the County will be starting the chip sealing soon. They will be doing 12 miles in the township.

Marquette County will be having a meeting regarding the EMS on Sept 5th, 2017.

Open Book will held on Wednesday September 20th, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

The board discussed changing the date for the Regular Town Board to October 16th, 2017. Motion by Jan Banicki to change the date to October 16th, 2017. Second by Roger Wallis. IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The board changed the date for the October Regular Board meeting to October 16th.

The board discussed the request of the Assessor to have Board of Revue on October 19th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The date works good for the board members.

Charles Corso mentioned that there are 7 fire district calls in the township that have not been paid. The township has to pay these until they are covered by the people involved. The Fire dept. will be letting us know soon on the cost of the new fire truck.

The Chairman stated that there was a complaint that ATVs were too loud on County Hwy F and that they are going faster than the 45 mph posted. The sheriff was contacted regarding the issue and matter was discussed.

There was another complaint on Grouse Rd where a vehicle came up behind an ATV and blew the horn. The matter was checked out.

There was a vehicle road complaint stating that someone almost got hit on the corner of 15th Rd and CTY CM. The Board will check in to having a yield sign put up there.

Charles Corso stated that a piece of machinery that was being unloaded on 13th Rd just north of Gillette road, caused some damage to the road. The Clerk will issue a bill for the amount of the repair.

Don Smith made a statement to the town board regarding the Jake brake noise on Hwy 22. Jan Banicki stated that it had been brought up at the County also and Sheriff Gaffney has been contacted.

Greenwood Cemetery is looking at adding 1 more acre to the cemetery. The board will update on this matter as it comes about.

The board discussed the dumping fines. There will be additional charges including any certified letters that need to be sent or other paper work and time involved.

Charles Corso stated that the town needs new substitutes to help at the town recycle center when Laura Rygiewicz needs off. The board discussed an ordinance regarding adding any fines in the township that haven't been paid by township residents to be able to add these fees to their tax bill. The clerk read the ordinance. Motion by Jan Banicki to approve the Ordinance as read.

Second by Roger Wallis. IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman Charles Corso and the supervisors signed the ordinance witnessed by the Clerk-Laurie Beahm

CITIZENS & BOARD CONCERNS

Joel Burbach stated that he appreciated the board getting some feedback from Kim Gaffney regarding the noise levels of the ATV's. He feels that they are violating some of the decibel levels. Charles Corso stated that they will check it out.

The Clerk asked that everyone that is on a board or on a committee tries to keep their books updated with all new ordinances.

Shane Dedrick asked if the town needed to have an ordinance regarding the Jake brake issue. He has an issue on the road by his home also. Charles Corso stated that they will check in to this issue.

Upcoming meeting dates:

September 7th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Mary Kearns (LE), Paul and Christine Kearns proposed amendment for a rezone request.

September 11th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing followed by The Regular Town Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis. IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned