

**Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11th, 2017
@immediately following public hearing
Buffalo Town Hall**

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

Others Present- 21

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order at 7:06 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 August 2017 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from August 2017, by Roger Wallis.

Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer gave their financial reports.

Treasurer explained that one of the CD's is coming due on September 15th, 2017. The person in charge of the special rates was not in and the due date is prior to the next board meeting.

Motion by Roger Wallis to allow Jean Rataczak to make a decision on the best deal to renew the current CD at First National Bank. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

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 2 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 Chairman stated that the open book date will be September 20th, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. The Clerk stated that Associated Appraisers had contacted her today and they have added another date of September 27th, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

The Chairman mentioned that the board is still looking for a substitute for the recycle center.

The board notified Sheriff Kim Gaffney about the traffic on Hwy 22. The Sheriff's Department will be monitoring the speed in this area.

The Board met on August 24th to go over the upcoming 2018 budget.

The Chairman and the Clerk explained how it would be handled if there are any delinquent Fire calls with anyone that lives in the township and how they would be added to the person's tax bill.

Regarding the Jake Braking complaints on HWY 22 the board checked to see if there is anything that can be done. The state at this time won't do anything because there aren't enough homes in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles Corso stated that the board wanted to just discuss adding to the route. The Board will make a decision on October 16th regarding adding to the route. Roger Wallis asked if the County has to approve the route. Charles Corso stated that it needs to go to the county after the township.

Discussion closed regarding ATV's

The board discussed setting a date for endorsing the budget. If it is ready the Clerk would like to do during the next regular board meeting. She stated that there are still some numbers that need to come in.

Charles Corso stated that the Amish buggies & horses are causing damage to our township roads. The board is checking in with Keith Ripp regarding the issue. Charles Church has been corresponding with Mr Keith Ripp regarding the issues. Charles Corso stated that he feels that licensing the buggies would be an idea. There are questions that Mr Ripp returned that he would like the board to answer. The board will continue to work on this.

Margarette Worthington stated that Barry Rd has no weight limits on it. The Road has been in bad shape for a long time. Maybe the town should go to the Amish bishops regarding the issue.

Joel Burbach also stated that that would be friendly to talk to the Amish Leaders regarding the issues. The board should do a little research regarding the issue.

Roger Wallis stated that they had talked to David Miller who owns the greenhouse on Barry RD. when they were patching the holes on Barry Road. Mr. Miller stated that there are different grades of carbides for the horse shoes. They know there is a problem.

David Larkin stated that he has seen a load of lumber being pulled by a horse and the driver was very young. He feels that the age of the person driving the buggies needs to be checked for the kids safety.

Bunny Paul said that she has spoke with someone who is involved in this situation. Maybe the board could check in to Indiana's laws regarding the Amish.

Fred Paul stated that maybe Barry Road should be posted. Do we have the right to tell them what they should do with their children.

Charles Corso stated that this is for information trying to figure out what should be done.

Chris Kearns stated that no one is making fun of the Amish. She sees many 5 and 7 year olds driving buggies. She feels that the age needs to be part of the discussion.

Charles Corso stated that there is a lot of research that needs to be done regarding the issues.

Chairman proposed the raising of the building permits to anything under 100 square feet would be free and anything from 101 sq ft up to 1000 sq feet would be \$100. Buildings from 1001 square feet and up would be \$200.00 would not matter if any of these buildings are moveable or permanent.

Motion by Roger Wallis to approve the raise of the building permits as follows-

Under 100 square feet would be free.

101 sq feet up to 1000 sq feet (moveable or permanent) would be \$100.00

1001 sq feet and larger (moveable or permanent) would be \$200.00

Second by Jan Banicki to accept the fee change.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

The board will review the rest of Chapter #3 at another meeting.

Citizens & Board Concerns-

No concerns stated.

Upcoming meetings:

October 16th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

October 19th, 2017 5:30-7:30 p.m. Board of Revue

Motion to Adjourn by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED