

Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 16th, 2017
@7:00 P.M.
Buffalo Town Hall

Present-Charles Corso, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki, Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm
Others Present- 28

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. By The Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda by Jan Banicki.

Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the September 2017 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from September 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 3 building permits for the month.

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

Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman stated that the open book dates were held on September 20th, and September 27th, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

The Board stated that the Kearns Rezone Request was granted at the September meeting.

The board reminded everyone that the fireworks request from Russ Simonson was approved at the September meeting.

The Board discussed the proposed 2018 budget plan. The budget was reviewed.

Motion to Endorse the 2018 budget was made by Roger Wallis. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the Amish horse and buggies in the Township and their safety. Charles Corso explained that the board is going to set up a meeting with the Amish Bishops to discuss some concerns.

The Chairman mentioned that the board will be discussing the Ordinance Chapters #3 and Chapter #10 at an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jean Rataczak explained that the bank had approved a 12 month cd for 1.15%.

Motion to approve the CD for 1.15 % for 12 months was made by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

Charles Corso explained that the Town Board would be attending the Annual Towns Association meeting on October 30th, 2017 at the Township of Springfield Town Hall.

Charles Corso stated that the Board of Review will be held on October 17th, 2017 from 5:30-7:30. The Clerk stated that at this time there has been no paperwork turned in for any objections.

Charles Corso stated that starting October 23rd the Highway Dept will be starting on fixing the potholes in the Township.

Charles Corso explained that the Highway Department had filled out and filed the paperwork for a grant to help chip seal and 2nd coat 14th Road. This grant would possibly get the township about \$11,000 toward repairs.

Charles Corso explained that the School District is looking at 4 different scenarios to figure out how to address the maintenance issues at the school. Everyone should start going to the meetings so they know what is happening with the school district.

The Board discussed the proposed adding to the ATV Road Route. The Chairman stated that the majority of the people that he had spoke to stated that they did not want the ATV road route added to. Jan Banicki stated that David and Mary Larkin sent out a very nice letter with lots of information regarding the trails.

Ted Gundrum lives on 17th Rd and feels that the Town should open up the roads to the township residents only. Let the residents be responsible for them selfs. He stated that he has had 2 Amish buggies in the ditch by his home.

Lynn Schwochert asked the board to vote no on adding to the route. Feels it is ironic to talk about the safety of the Amish and then to add ATVs to the road. For the safety of everyone please vote no.

Gary Bluhm-stated that he is opposed to having ATV's on the road. He was opposed last year and is still opposed.

Laura Rygiewicz-stated that she is opposed to the Route.

Joie Woodard-She is against the route. Would like to thank the board for talking to all of the people on the route.

Mary Larkin-We dealt with this a year ago and how can we make it so it doesn't come up again.

Margarette Worthington Drives on O and 22 and feels it is unsafe-why choose to cross a major highway in such a bad place. It is a bad intersection and not a safe place to cross.

Karen Wollenburg stated that she is against the ATV Route-The industry standards say that ATV's are not made to be ridden on the roads.

Fred Wollenburg stated that the ATV's do not fit in to the Comprehensive Plan and the quiet and rural township that we are.

Jan Banicki stated that regarding Mary Larkins question on how to not have it come up again that the matter could come up again. There is no way to stop it.

Tiffany Lodolhoz stated that she is opposed because of safety issues.

The Chariman closed comments from the Citizens.

Chairman made a motion to not pass the proposed ATV Road Route. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN AND BOARD CONCERNS-

David Larkin stated that he would like to thank the board for the time that they took in the ATV Road Route decision. But regarding the Future he feels that there is a need by the people in the township is to be able to find a way to do this and still keep in mind the safety.

Margarette Worthington requested that the Agenda be emailed when it is posted. Also if it could be copy and pasted in to the body of the email would be good instead of trying to pull up when internet is bad.

Fred Wollenburg feels that the reval assessment was not done very well. They never came in to his house. Stated that there are others who had the same situation. Worried about those people who don't know what they are looking at.

Dennis Schwochert stated that he had a problem. When he came to the open book the person he spoke with could not answer his questions. He stated that he had checked some of the other properties and feels that there are a lot of people who are in the same situation.

Jean Ratacazak stated that she feels that it needs to be more consistent in the way that the appraisals are done.

Roger Wallis asked how they are hired.

Rose Trahms asked if the town can have someone else come in and see if they can explain things. Rose asked if the State sends out the appraisers.

Laurie Beahm stated that Associated Appraisers has been in the township for the whole time that she had been in office. She explained how the procedure works. The Town Board hires the appraisers by contract.

Fred Wollenburg stated that the township used to have another appraiser. The prior town board hired Associated Appraisers.

Joie Woodard stated that she had called the state so she could understand how it works.

Laurie Beahm explained how the property tax assessment works. She gave a couple examples to make it easier to understand the process. The State sets the guidelines and the assessors have to follow this guideline.

Charles Corso stated that the Recycle Center needs a new roof.

Motion by Roger Wallis to repair the roof on the Recycle Center building. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

Charles Corso stated that Randy Ravenscroft is retiring. The County has been snowplowing when there is $\frac{3}{4}$ " and 1" of snow. The Chairman wants the Citizens opinions regarding this. Matt Trahms explained the issues with 17th Road last year and how the plow trucks had to back down the hill because they couldn't get up the hill when the ice was so bad. Wants to make sure that the hills are taken care of also.

Laurie Beahm asked that the board just ask the County to just use common sense. Don't use too much salt/sand don't plow when it really isn't necessary but just use common sense such as in ice situations etc.

Upcoming meeting dates.

October 30th, 2017-Annual Towns meeting (Town Board will attend)

November 2nd, 2017 Planning Commission (If needed)

November 13th, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting @7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Roger Wallis Second by Jan Banicki

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED