

ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2019 7:00 P.M.-TOWN HALL

The Annual meeting of the Town of Buffalo Board was called to order by Chairman Steve James. Roll call: Semling, Waters, Strom, Bittner. Citizens: Dennis Waters, Jerome Gardner, Bob Baures, Steve Scharlau, Michael Gabrick, Michelle Ehlenfeldt, Gordie Albrecht, Joan Delle James. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting was held as noticed. Minutes were not available.

Swearing in for the Oath of Office for 2019-2021 Steve James-Chair; Claire Waters-1st Supervisor; Dennis Semling-2nd Supervisor; Don Bittner-Constable.

Budget 2019 was reviewed \$317,164.00. Wages will be increased. Motion Baures, second Ehlenfeldt to allow Board to borrow money when needed. All yes, motion carried. Motion Baures, second Ehlenfeldt to allow Town of Buffalo Board to borrow money and levy authority. All yes, motion carried.

Chair: Highway cleanup is set for April 26, 2019 at 9:00am. Open Book to be held May 14, 2020 from 3:00-6:00pm. Board of Review to be held May 21, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Board has received FEMA money in the about of \$67,227 and \$44,917.78. An amount around \$17,000 is still owed. Dredging in the Park will be taking place. DNR permit has been issued allowing Town to widen and make deeper, all ground needs to stay on property. The Great River State Trail-Flyway Bike Trail, a \$2.2 Million project will be constructed from the Winona bridge to the Town of Buffalo. A .04 acre of land was donated to the bike trail from the Town of Buffalo by the driveway. New Fire Hall will be split by 4 municipalities-Cross, Milton, Fountain City and Buffalo. Old pool in Fountain City was deeded over to the Fire Association from the Railroad. New station will cost approximately \$800,000. A grant was applied for to purchase a new truck that is needed. Donations are coming in. CAPX Committee has agreed to help pay. The Bluff Siding sign will remain on the map. 2019 spring/summer project of replacing all address signs with new blue flag signs. This project is a 50/50 with Buffalo County. CAPX will help pay cost for the 417 signs of \$7500. Bridge replacements will start in 2019 and 2020 along Hwy 25, 2 to be replaced in Town of Buffalo, 1 in Fountain City, no detours, signal controlled, 2 bridges in Trempealeau County along Hwy35 will begin 2021-2022. Discussion of ATV riding on County Roads and Town Roads. Discussion of Bug Tussel to place tower on County Road M and Bork Lane. Discussion of animal control of dogs running at large. Complaints, children scared, not licensed and sheriff has been notified.

1st Supervisor: Town Hall rental has been filling up every month. Six Delinquent Personal Property taxes are still outstanding-Babler, Biesanz, Burdick, Loth, Will, Dish Network total \$1351.26. Four Postponed Personal Property taxes-Haddad, Mills, Smith, Smith total \$872.66. 2020 Census is looking for help. Need to have everyone counted. Helps with Tax reimbursements. Park will be open May 30, 2020 from 8:00am to 8:00 pm.

2nd Supervisor: Town Roads: Snow removal increased. More salt/sand material was also needed. Gravel on roads suffered as well. Round \$72-72,000 cost. Road bans start April 29, 2020. Sand pile is covered. In 2018 Town capped 2 roads, wait 2 years and crack seal them cost around \$90,000. 2019 50/50 share with the County to remove decking, dredge and place 36" or 30" pipe for Midway Bridge cost of \$35,000. Baures suggested a pre cast box culvert cost \$16-17,000. Two step reconstructing of Platte's Valley Road to Brandhorst Road about 1-mile needs pipes, milling, rock, earth work done in one year and the next year blacktop cost of \$120,000 by Quim blacktop. County will be sealcoating County Road M and YY. Town to sealcoat Cole Bluff Lane.

Clerk: Auditor went thru books. Haven't heard back on anything yet. Finished with Elections for 2019. Elections for 2020-Spring Primary February 18, 2020; Spring Election & Presidential Preference April 7, 2020; Partisan Primary August 11, 2020; General & Presidential November 3, 2020.

Park Committee: Michelle Ehlenfeldt informed that CAPX will repair equipment, clean fill for sand, sidewalk around playground. Combined 2 accounts with the bank. Memorial for Sue and Sandy Draskowski. Need basketball court to be fixed. Balance in Park account is \$4607.00. Need shed for Little League storage.

Steve Scharlau talked about supporting the non-partisan,

Motion Semling, second Waters to set Annual Meeting for April 14, 2020. All yes, Motion carried.

Motion Strom, second James to adjourn 2019 Annual Meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.