

## Buffalo Township Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, Aug 25, 2020

Attendance: James, Waters, Semling, Bittner, Strom – Missing: Braaten  
Community members: Bob Baures, Jerome Gardner, Jeff DeJarlais

Meeting posted and help per statute – called to order at 6:58pm

Meeting minutes from July regular meeting and July special meeting – no changes suggested. 1<sup>st</sup>: Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Semling. James agrees, motion carries.

Treasurer's report – balances read, bills read, motion to approve. 1<sup>st</sup>: Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Semling. James agrees, motion carries.

Budget levy discussed – legal limit to increase us about 2%, do have option to increase by resolution. Dennis suggested doing this at annual meeting if decide to move forward with it.

Promissory note discuss – working with Alliance Bank, about \$75K, possible to do 10 year note, no penalties for early pay back.

Road to Recovery Grant – some questions remain on how to use max amount of \$11,700 due to COVID-related expenses incurred. Options discussed – touchless hand dryers, sanitizer mister for cleaning town hall after use, etc. Need to keep track of amounts/expenses.

Road Signage – review county requirement for road names. Noted duplicate of Baures Road.

Voting Machine options discussed. Final choice is Command Central for ~\$7800. Motion made, 1<sup>st</sup>: Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Semling. James agrees. James/Lisa to connect with Roxann to inform of choice/approval.

Economic Development meeting – about 25 people attended from local counties. Good feedback on the nice town hall building, discussed drawing power of area (scenery, fishing, hunting, etc.), bike trail (not being paved, winter use is permissible but no maintenance or snow removal planned). Bike Trail Phase 2 from town park to refuge is looking at 2022 for start and finish of project. ATV/UTV discussed and county noted that the decision is 50% yes/50% no from the townships that have responded.

-Town Hall Rentals: 2020=154 YTD, 2019 = 37 total.

-Possible areas of carpet/rug to replace

-Park Restrooms: \$72/case of toilet paper. Bike Trail group paid for the case. Thank you!

-Dumpster – changed service to on-call to reduce costs.

-Late utility bill negotiations – CenturyLink – Claire will call CenturyLink monthly and change payment date. Claire was able to connect with Xcel Energy Customer Service and change due date with one call/request. This topic came up as town meetings are late in the month and often miss due dates with meetings held after the date bills are due and efforts to reduce any possible late fees.

-Road Maintenance – discussed Baures bill, tree removal only during month of August. September will incur mowing charges.

-Buffalo County - \$4500 for milling of Plattes Valley

-Seal Coating – did 3.73 miles this year, sweeping was included in cost

-August election – 123 voters, 31 were absentee

-November 3 is presidential election

-election poll worker training sessions set for Sept 12 and Oct 10 from 9-11

Next meeting: Sept 29 at 7pm, CAPX meeting at 6pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm. 1<sup>st</sup>: Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Semling.