

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 7:00 P.M.-TOWN HALL

The Regular meeting of the Town of Buffalo Board was called to order by Chairman Steve James. Roll call: Waters, Bittner, Strom. Absent: Drazkowski. Citizens: Jerome Gardner, Bob Baures, Jim Burfeind, Shawn Squires, Dan Rolbiecki, Steve Scharlau, Gordon Albrecht, Dan Wolfe. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Waters, second James to approve minutes from October 22, 2024. All yes, motion carried.

Appreciation to Lisa and Dee for all the hard work on election day.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of November 3, 2024: \$29,349.20. Balance as of November 19, 2024: \$92,243.40. Shared Revenue was received of \$66,716.94. Financial Statement reviewed. Bills were read. Motion Waters, second James to accept treasurer's report and pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

Chair: Budget Hearing report was discussed. No objections. Motion Waters, second James to approve 2025 Budget as printed. All yes, motion carried. CCT presented invoice for Broadband payment to be paid by mid-February 2025. Shawn gave a 6-month update on the progress. Second of November \$2.5 million has already been spent. Waiting for the invoice from White Construction. There were some problems with rock while placing the main line. Three crews working to get done before ground freezes. Splicer is out and will return in spring. An install contractor will work with CCT employees. Not a lot of issues and good progress. Debt Service Account has been opened to put money collected at tax time into an account for Broadband loan payment. Have been in contact with WI DOR and Town Attorney about the Special Assessment to be placed on the tax levy. Motion Waters, second James to approve the opening of the Debt Service Account for Broadband loan and Resolution was presented. All yes, motion carried. ARPA Fund Obligation received for COVID funding is due the end of December. Money is being used to help fund the Fire Department building and vehicles. Need agreement with Fire Association 2024 to file. Hwy 35/54 and County Road P issues discussed. Concerns about Railroad tracks and bike trail with traffic entering the Highway. Letter to be drafted to reduce speed to WI Traffic Engineer. Sent Maintenance Agreement with Baures Excavating to attorney to review.

1st Supervisor: Town Hall Rental: 6 rentals in November; 15 already in 2025. Furnace has been installed. Roof is leaking in the Town Hall. Fire inspection has passed. Looking for blueprint for the Park to have DNR, Buffalo County Highway Department, State and Fish and Wildlife involved in the road crossing from the Town Hall to the Park that is clogged. Restrooms are closed. Toni Bambenek would like to plant a memorial tree in the Park. Recycling meeting will be held on November 14, 2024. Clean sweep will be held in Alma in June. Next meeting to be held March 20, 2025.

2nd Supervisor: Baures bill gone over. Park project postponed until it freezes. Playground equipment to be ordered and place in pavilion. Piepers Valley has mud over road. Ditching needs to be done. Buffalo County joint project for 2025 are Chicken Valley Road, Grawe Lane culvert.

Clerk: Elections for 2024 are finished. 487 voters at the Presidential Election. 57 new voters. Went very smooth. Taxes will be out by 12/15/2024. Millrate: waiting on more info. Signs have been received and given to Baures. Levy has been submitted.

Next Regular meeting to be held December 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Motion Waters, second James to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Steve James, Chair

Lisa Braaten, Clerk/Treasurer

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