

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 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: Draskowski, Waters, Bittner, Strom. Citizens: Dan Rolbiecki, Jerome Gardner, Bob Baures, Jim Burfeind, Brad Kremer, Nicole Kremer, Dennis Waters, Gary Sutter, Jason Marquardt, Gordon Albrecht, Lenny Litscher, Carol Litscher, Steve Kenney. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Waters, second James to approve minutes from January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of January 3, 2024: \$43,025.12. Balance as of January 23, 2024: \$361,091.24. Transportation Aid of \$19,055.98 was received. Taxes still coming in. January Settlement was \$317883.19. County: \$90,994.02; CFC Schools: \$124,992.36; WWTC School: \$18,184.48; Town of Buffalo: \$14,316.73. Financial Statement gone over. Bills were read. Motion Waters, second James to accept treasurer's report and pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

Chair: Sheriff Mike Osmund spoke. In 2023: 35280 calls, 3081-911 calls, 12844 service calls dispatch, 2680 door checks, 38 door checks for Town of Buffalo, 3878 traffic stops, 644 citations, 209 non buffalo residents, 109 residents, 39 injury crashes, 1/3 in Town of Buffalo, 4 fatalities, 2 in Town of Buffalo, 8 ATV/UTV calls, 1 arrest for ATV/UTV, 368 bookings, 14 out of 106 were tested for drugs and tested negative, 86% controlled substance. Goals for 2024: obtaining another canine, and working on Traffic Safety Grant. Hwy 35 is bad during weather. Fountain City and Alma is paying 80% of wages to contact an officer. Looking into license plate cameras in Nelson and Maxville. Would like Town of Buffalo to put some up. Helps with stolen vehicles, Amber Alerts, Criminal Cases etc. \$3000 per camera-looking into grants for the cameras. Snowmobile Trail: Snowmobile Club is requesting for a portion of a Town Road to be used as trail. Platte's Valley Road 1.5 miles to Buffalo Ridge Lane. Non access to private land. Hilltop Trail Blazers under time guidelines to put signs up to be able to use for future use. Osmund spoke on safety of riders. Felt all house members on Platte's Valley Road would go to the east to get on main road with one possibility would go up Platte's Valley Road. Make sure club signage is marked well and needs to have enough room for cars and snowmobiles to pass each other. Feels it would be ok, but Town of Buffalo has the right to decline or change or shut down because of issues. Club would take care of problem if issues. Waters received a threatening call from someone. Was told to watch her back and was sworn at. Quoted State Statute if within so many feet of a house to slow down to 10 miles an hour. Signs placed on land owners that were not notified. Discussion. Temporary Ordinance to be put together for the 2023-2024 winter with Town of Buffalo to have permission to withdrawal and Town of Buffalo has not liability of snowmobile riders. J Monsos was to discuss the Farmer's Market but did not attend. Broadband Grant is pending. Park Improvement Grant is pending for a request of \$10,000. A Variance Request of remodeling of Spur Station now Chiropractic Office. Would like to extend building, build up. Zoning at Buffalo County has approved request and would like the approval of Town of Buffalo. A hearing will be held with Foundation Chiropractic. No issues with the Town of Buffalo. One Town of Buffalo Zoning permit was given to Duane and Lana Boynton. Mowing contract for 2024-2026 to be signed by Cyrus Lawn and Landscaping. MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alert System): Town of Buffalo has contract with Arcadia Dodge, Winona, Fountain City. Full alert would be the first to be on the scene. Fountain City Fire Department will always respond but if other Fire Department is closer, they are also called out. Have contract with Winona's Jaws of Life. Fountain City Fire Department consists of Fountain City, Milton, Cross, and Buffalo.

1st Supervisor: Town Hall Rental: 47 rentals in the year 2023; 17 reservations for 2024 with 1 reservation for 2025. Kitchen pipes were frozen. Maintenance was done on the water softer. March 19 is Alma Recycling. Rates will remain the same. WTA- ARIP (Agriculture Road Improvement Program) has \$75 million funds available to help raise the weight limits on road to help build them up to hold like Hwy 35 for agricultural use. Bill from Fire Association has charge of \$110 for lift assist during a 911 call.

2nd Supervisor: Baures' bill was gone over. Parking Ordinance needs to be discussed. Having problems on Bluff Siding Road.

Clerk: Taxes are being collected. Elections for 2024 are February 20 -not needed; April 2 Spring Election, August 13 Partisan Primary, November 5 Fall General Presidential. Election Training to be held at Buffalo County on February 22 from 1pm to 4 pm.

Next Regular meeting to be held February 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

CAPX Committee meeting will be held March 68, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Broadband Committee meeting waiting on grant information

Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Steve James, Chair

Lisa Braaten, Clerk

Date Approved