

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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, Drazkowski, Bittner, Strom. Citizens: Dan Rolbiecki, Jim Burfeind, Jerome Gardner, Gordie & Noreen Albrecht, Jeff Strom, Deb & Duane Anderson, Dan Wolfe, Joyce Camerer. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to approve minutes from September 24, 2024 with striking line of Deb Anderson stated they parked in the middle of the driveway. All yes, motion carried.

Two recognitions. Waters nominated and awarded Gordie Albrecht for the Sunshine Award. The Town greatly appreciates the job that he does at the Recycling Center. Would also like to Thank Dan Rolbiecki for fixing and dragging the ballfield. It looks very nice!

Treasurer's Report: Balance of October 3, 2024: \$2,942.98. Balance as of October 22, 2024: \$32,084.38. Transportation Aid was received of \$19,055.98. Financial Statement reviewed. Bills were read. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to accept treasurer's report and pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

Chair: 2025 Budget was gone over and discussed. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to accept the proposed budget for review. All yes, motion carried. Board meetings in November and December need to be changed, Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to change November meeting to November 19, 2024 with Public Hearing at 6:45 pm. All yes, motion carried. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to change December meeting to December 17, 2024. All yes, motion carried. ATV/UTV Ordinance was discussed. Some changes to approve Chicken Valley from Bluff Siding Road to Recycling Center, time of usage from 5 am-10 pm, only licensed drivers etc. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to accept ordinance 023-24 All Terrain & Utility Terrain Vehicles. All yes, motion carried. Baures Maintenance Agreement expired in April 2024. Presented an extension to Baures. Discussion. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to accept Maintenance Agreement Baures presented to the Board starting November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024 with options of relooking at wages on anniversary date. All yes, motion carried. Broadband updates: Promissory Note and levy resolution discussed. Money to be deposited into new account Debt Service Account. The special charge to go into effect this tax season. Payment to CCT not until 2025. Loan is 5.45% for \$400,000 for 10 years. Special charge on the taxes to be every resident with no exceptions. Discussion of land owners (farmland) with no house. The grid shows: 400 addresses, 338 drops, 39 no drop no service, 20 no contact, 2 TOB units, 4 cell towers, 4 abandoned properties. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to approve the levy resolution and updated promissory note. All yes, motion carried. Discussion of the website. Cost was increased with Web Design. Still need a domain and host. Web Design still has better deal. Three-year contract: 1st yr: \$1720 for upgrade of website to new program Web Design has; 2nd and 3rd yr \$920. Consensus of the Board to stick with Web Design. Zoning has 4 changes: Drazkowski on Rooster Ridge new shop/garage; Votava on Brandhorst Rd rebuild house; Guenther on Grawe Lane new home and ADK on Spur Lane new garage. Traffic Safety: James attended Safety Committee at the County. Presented about the dangerous intersection of County Rd P and Hwy 35/54 with the corner, railroad tracks and the bike trail entrance. State to collect data. Sabrina Chandler with Fish and Wildlife Refuge is willing to help with the process.

1st Supervisor: Town Hall Rental: 1 rental in November; 6 rentals in December. Furnace in the Town Hall is no longer working. River City Heating and Air Conditioning sent a bid of \$13,525 for a new furnace. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to order furnace being it is an emergency coming into the winter months with River City for \$13,525. All yes, motion carried. Will have carpets shampooed after the election. Still in disagreement with Baures bill for Park shelter. Discussion. Need to have Engineer to look at cement slab that is collapsing from Town Hall to Park over the water way. Need to come up with a solution. Baures to cut weeds.

2nd Supervisor: Baures bill gone over. Thomas Rd needs to be looked at for a culvert that is draining onto Summers Lane above Fireworks place. Baures stated very minimum salt/sand will be needed this year. Lots left from last year. Park playground equipment area to be taken care of in 2-3 weeks.

Clerk: Presidential Election to be held November 5, 2024. Public Testing to be held with Election Workers training on October 27, 2024 at 4pm. New Election Workers are Mary Speltz, Joan Delle James, Clarie Waters, Emily Strom.

Street signs have been ordered. Should be coming soon. Need to order Falcon Drive and Castle Rock Lane.

Dan Rolbiecki questioned about donation from the Chiropractor from using the hall during construction on their building,

Public Hearing for 2025 Budget to be held November 19, 2024 at 6:45 pm.

Next Regular meeting to be held November 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Steve James, Chair

Lisa Braaten, Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved