

## **REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 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, Bob Baures, Jeff Strom, Gordie Albrecht, Jerome Gaardner, Shawn Squires. The meeting was held as noticed.

Motion Waters, second Draskowski to approve minutes from September 26, 2023 Regular Meeting. All yes, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance of October 3, 2023 is \$52,241.00. As of October 24, 2023 balance is \$50,015.24. Transportation Aid was received of \$19,096.99. Transferred \$5,000 from Park account to Checking Account. Financial Statement gone over. Bills were read. Motion Waters, second Draskowski to accept treasurer's report and pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

Flag needs to be replaced. Terry Duellman to hep out. Thank you to Jerome Gaardner for helping set up chairs and tables after the carpets were shampooed. Thank you to Don Bittner for helping cut the limb up in the park the fell.

**Chair:** 2024 Budget was reviewed and discussed with \$334,194.00 budget. Motion Waters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Draskowski to set the Public Hearing for November 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm. All yes, motion carried. CAPX Annuity #10 has 4 years left before renewal. Rural Mutal suggested to change to a New Money 4 with interest rate at 4.75%. There would be a surrender fee. Motion Waters, second Draskowski to transfer Annuity #10 to the New Money 4 with interest rate at 4.75%. All yes, motion carried. Broadband update: James and Shawn Squires attended Finance Committee at the County to present to the Committee the interest of obtaining more money to help with Broadband grant. County increased to \$140,000, TOB \$450,000, CCT increased to \$2 million. Project is at \$3.9 million with 49.6 miles of fiber. The increase of funds brings the grant to 65%. Glencoe only Township will not have Broadband if all grants approved. Third party is reviewing grant. Town leading the way of public support. There might be some DNR issues. Letters from the public due by October 27, 2023 to Shawn Squires. Grant will be submitted by November 2 or 3. Announcement around 1<sup>st</sup> quarter if grant approved. Start engineers' construction if granted summer 2024 more than likely 2025 digging with October 2025 service starting. Private Public Partnership need to be signed. Motion Waters, second Draskowski to enter into a Private Public Partnership with CCT for \$450,000. All yes, motion carried. New dwelling at W173 Thomas Road. Zoning Quarterly report for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: 1 zoning for Derrick Bork with no permit. Inquires for a Farmers Market Proposal like in Buffalo City. Park water test passed and now will be closed. Park Grant application for Buffalo County Health and Human Services was sent in. ARPA money to be used towards park improvements up to \$10,000. Grant is due October 27, 2023. Playground and fountain outside of restrooms were listed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor:** Town Hall Rental: 3 rentals in October. Carpets were cleaned. Restrooms were closed October 15, 2023. Waste Management dumpster to be picked up in park. Dumpster at the Recycling Center needs fixing.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor:** Baures bill was gone over. Culverts worked on at Gold Street and Chicken Valley Road. Sand bags not moved on Rocky Ridge yet. Sand/salt mixture for winter has been picked up.

**Clerk:** No response from letters to Habeck, Smith, George or Bauman have been received. Send letters out certified.

Next Regular meeting to be held November 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing set for November 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Motion Draskowski, second Waters to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28.

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Steve James, Chair

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Lisa Braaten, Clerk

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Date Approved