

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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: Drazkowski, Waters, Bittner, Strom. Citizens: Dan Rolbiecki, Jim Burfeind, Jeff Strom, Gordie Albrecht. The meeting was held as noticed.

Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to approve minutes from September 5, 2023 Special Meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to approve minutes from August 22, 2023 Regular Meeting with changes. All yes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of September 3, 2023 is \$44,808.73. As of September 26, 2023 balance is \$39,301.80. Shared Revenue to be received in November for the amount of \$30,605.24. In 2024 new balance will be \$78,490.52. Transportation Aid is due in October for the amount of \$19,096.99 Financial Statement gone over. Bills were read. Move \$5000 from Park account to regular checking account. ARPA approve to spend money on whatever the Town sees fit before 2026. Motion Drazkowski, second Waters to accept treasurer's report and pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

Chair: Plaque for Park was discussed. Cost is \$585 with picture. Second plaque would cost \$400. Looking around for cheaper prices. Loan with Alliance Bank has come due for renewal. Original amount was \$75,000 for 10-year loan to renew in 3 years. Balance as of this time is \$55229 with interest rate at 2.85% with 7 years remaining. Proposed: 6.15% for 5 years; 5.95% for 3 years; 5.88% for 2 years. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to approve 5.95% for 3 years. All yes, motion carried. Chair, Clerk and Deputy Clerk to work on 2024 Budget on October 9th at 2:00 pm. Broadband Update: Cost has increased to 4.5 million. CCT increased funds to around 2 million. Attending Buffalo County Finance Committee on October 19, 2023 at 9:00 am to present the need for more funding. Town of Buffalo \$450,000; County \$100,000; Need to help reach goal of 50-55% funding for grant. PP letter needs to be approved again. Audit bill was gone over. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to send letter to Bauman after speaking to legal. All yes, motion carried. Discussion of delinquent invoice for Lou George. Reworded and then resend to Board to approve to be sent to Lou George. Letter was written and read for the Fountain City Council. Clerk to type up and send out. Highway Road surface ratings was handled by the County in the past. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to give permission for County to do the ratings. All yes, motion carried. Park water test has not been finished nor have we been contacted by the County.

1st Supervisor: Town Hall Rental: 37 rentals in 2023; 2 rentals in October, 5 rentals in November. Carpets to be shampooed by Duane's September 27, 2023. Windows and screens in the Town Hall have some damage. Zach Czaplewski to close the park restrooms October 15, 2023. Water is still discolored in the restrooms. Post in shelter needs to be replace. Need to measure and purchase. Three bids received for mowing for 3-year contract. Cyrus Lawn and Landscaping: Park \$6500, Cemetery \$1500; Henderson Lawn and Landscaping: Park \$5490, Cemetery \$1495; WI Mows: Park \$25000, Cemetery \$10000. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to accept bid from Cyrus for Park and Town Hall for \$6500

for the years of 2024-2027. All yes, motion carried. Motion Drazkowski, second Waters to accept bid from Henderson for \$1495 for the years of 2024-2027. All yes, motion carried. A grant was received from Community Care with Riverland for the amount of \$500 to help with Park maintenance. Recycling annual fee is \$3/person with 742 people. \$20 will be charged for tire drop off.

2nd Supervisor: Baures bill was not received. Ditch work needs to be done on Chicken Valley Road. Wozney wants to change driveway. There is mowing left to do. No more gravel on Hoesley Lane. Needs to be graded instead.

Clerk: Received a message that there is a post sticking out of the green stepping stone. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to approve Habeck letter and send out. All yes, motion carried. Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to approve Smith letter and send out. All yes, motion carried. Budget Hearing is set for November 28, 2023 at 645 pm.

Dan Rolbiecki reported that Stephanie would like to know what our budget is for the plaque.

Next Regular meeting to be held October 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

CAPX Committee meeting will be held October 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Broadband Committee meeting will be held October 17, 2023 at 600 pm.

Motion Waters, second Drazkowski to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Steve James, Chair

Lisa Braaten, Clerk

Date Approved