

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2013
17425 RED ARROW HIGHWAY
NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN

Supervisor Dudiak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Board Members Present: Dudiak, Heit, Oselka, Rahm, and Rogers.

Dudiak led the Pledge of Allegiance

A presentation by Harbor Country Public Arts Initiative was given on a new, donated sculpture for Memorial Park.

Presentation

Dudiak moved, Heit seconded to approve the donated frog sculpture for Memorial Park, with insurance to be paid by the Township.

Sculpture
Donation for
Memorial
Park

REPORTS

Monthly departmental reports were received.

Reports

AGENDA ITEMS

Heit moved, Rogers seconded to approve items on the consent agenda:

Consent
Agenda

Minutes of the January 21, 2013 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bills

1. General \$60,328.26
2. Building \$9,483.32
3. Sewer & Water \$60,468.97
4. Liquor \$395.61
5. Ambulance \$8,882.57
6. Park Millage \$4,064.89
7. Public Safety Millage \$5,496.13

Berrien County Police Payment - \$44,142.57 for January, 2013 Police Protection

USDA Loan Payments of \$9,552.49 for Kruger/Glassman Project

Dudiak	Yes
Heit	Yes
Oselka	Yes
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Heit moved, Rogers seconded to approve the following Water Ordinance amendment:

Water
Ordinance
Amendment

Add Section 6.04.4:

In those cases where the water project was 100% funded by any assessment district and the water taps and the setting of the "meter pit" and "its components", were funded by the assessment, those property owners within the assessment district that connect to this "funded meter pit", will receive a 55% discount towards the New Buffalo Township tap-in fee. This discount only applies to single family residential users and those taps that were done as part of the project and at the time of project construction. Any taps after the project or extensions connected to said watermain will not receive any discount.

- Dudiak Yes
- Heit Yes
- Oselka Yes
- Rahm Yes
- Rogers Yes

Motion Carried

Oselka moved, Heit seconded to TABLE the motion for the Township portion of the Rose City Road watermain project until the March meeting.

Rose City
Road Water
Project
TABLED

Motion Carried

Heit moved, Rahm seconded to approve the 2013 Pokagon Fund Annual Plan for submittal.

2013
Pokagon Fund
Annual Plan

Motion Carried

Heit moved, Rogers seconded to set the policy that anything submitted to The Pokagon Fund on the Township's behalf must have Township Board approval.

Pokagon Fund
Submittal
Policy

Motion Carried

Rahm moved, Dudiak seconded to hire Dustin Spitzer as a Township firefighter, pending completion of a physical and background check.

Spitzer
Hiring as
Firefighter

Motion Carried

Dudiak moved, Heit seconded to approve going into closed session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a potential property purchase.

Closed
Session

Motion Carried

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:57 p.m.

Open
Session

Heit moved, Oselka seconded to approve, upon recommendation of The Park Committee, proceeding with funding for Glassman Park improvements as follows:

Glassman
Park
Funding

Glassman Park Phase I Improvements:

MNRTF Grant (state) \$300,000

LWCF Grant (state) \$100,000

Pokagon Fund Grant \$500,000 (for necessary matching funds for the state applications)

Motion Carried

A discussion was held on possible land acquisitions. It was decided to proceed with negotiations for the parcel at 10785 Kruger Road and to include it as a grant request from the state.

Discussion on
Land
Acquisition

Heit moved, Dudiak seconded to approve, upon recommendation from The Park Committee, hiring Wightman & Associates to prepare and submit MDNR grant applications to the State of Michigan at a cost of \$4,500 per application, for a total of \$13,500 for all three applications.

Wightman
& Associates
Hiring for
State Grant
Applications

Paul Oselka abstained from the vote.

Motion Carried

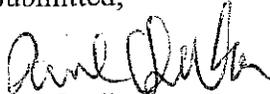
Public Comments were heard.

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion Carried

Submitted,


Paul Oselka
Clerk