

**Minutes**

**NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM  
JANUARY 19, 2021 4:00 PM  
17425 RED ARROW HIGHWAY  
NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN 49117**

**1. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roll Call: Heit, Iazzetto, Rahm, Rogers, & Zabicki

All present and attending from their homes or offices in New Buffalo Township, Michigan, except for Trustee Rahm attending from Florida.

Pledge of Allegiance

**2. ITEMS TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA – none**

**3. APPROVE AGENDA**

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to approve the agenda.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

**4. PUBLIC HEARING ON PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

Heit moved, Zabicki seconded to open the public hearing on the Public Safety Special Assessment at 4:03 p.m.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

Public comments were received by the Board and attached to these minutes.

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Heit moved, Zabicki seconded to close the public hearing on the Public Safety Special Assessment at 4:56 p.m.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – were called for.**

**6. REPORTS – were received**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes of the December 21, 2020 meetings  
Treasurer's Report  
Bills

1. General \$23,804.19
2. Building \$7,817.67
3. Sewer & Water \$88,780.52
4. Park Millage \$3,395.17
5. Public Safety Millage \$774,603.56
6. LRSB Discretionary \$192,543.37
7. Payroll \$55,139.74

Approve quotes from Westshore Fire for \$6,567 for turnout gear.

Approve Indiana Michigan Power Company contract for \$3,960 for the new Public Safety Building.

Approve a monetary stipend, authorized by the Supervisor, for employees or their dependents who become eligible for Medicare coverage.

Approve the quote from Art FX for \$12,875.00 for a sign for the new Public Safety Building, and a down payment of \$6,437.50.

Approve payment to J.P. Gillen & Associates for \$1,747.30 for technology services.

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Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

*a. Public Safety Special Assessment District Resolution #2*

Rahm resolved, Zabicki seconded to approve Resolution #2 for the Public Safety Special Assessment District.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Resolution Adopted

*b. Public Safety Special Assessment District Resolution #3*

Rahm resolved, Rogers seconded to approve Resolution #3 for the Public Safety Special Assessment District.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Resolution Adopted

*c. Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test*

Iazzetto resolved, Rogers seconded to approve the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes

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Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Resolution Adopted

d. Resolutions Board of Review Dates

Rogers resolved, Rahm seconded to approve the Resolutions to set alternate dates for the Board of Review for July & December, 2021.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Resolution Adopted

e. Resolution Authorizing Local Residents to Protest in Writing

Zabicki resolved, Iazzetto seconded to approve the Resolution authorizing local residents to protest in writing to the Board of Review.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Resolution Adopted

f. Payment Applications #1 & #2 for Roggow Construction Company

Zabicki moved, Rogers seconded to approve Payment Applications #1 & #2 for Roggow Construction Company for the Union Pier trailhead project of \$10,975.50 and \$45,949.50, which is New Buffalo Township's half.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

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*g. Payment #2 Public Safety Building Project*

Rogers moved, Iazzetto seconded to approve Payment #2 for the Public Safety Building Project in the amount of \$723,928.62

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - were called for.

**10. FINANCIAL REPORTS** – were received

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD** - none

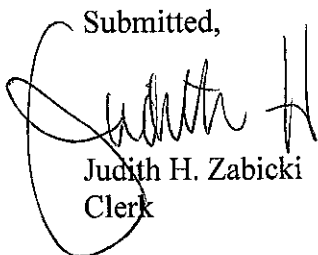
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

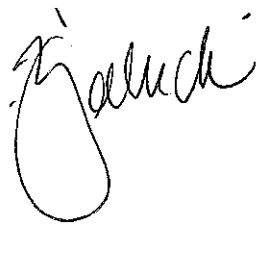
Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

Heit Yes  
Iazzetto Yes  
Rahm Yes  
Rogers Yes  
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

Submitted,

  
Judith H. Zabicki  
Clerk



## Public Safety Millage Public Hearing Comments

January 19, 2021 4pm

- Lisa Den Besten- Did not receive a notice.
- Karen Bogacz- Wants to know when the millage ends.
- Monica McCarthy- How much will mine go up?
- Rose Dudiak- Why a Special Assessment instead of a Vote?
- Brian Dodge- What is this, based per household?
- Patty Lauber- Didn't receive a letter.
- Ed Trainor- Not many voters in 2017. Unfair taxation.
- Steve Stapanek- How is Obrien Assessed? Are they cleaning up exit 1?
- Sabina- Do the people get to vote on this or just the board?
- Makanin- Clarify the tax bill PS & PS2 1.7 mill – 2.1 mill?
- Kathy Martens- Can we deduct this on our taxes? School Debt removed?
- John Walles- 18.64% increase? Can this be lowered?
- Jurate Landwehr- What increase is there?
- Bob McPhearson- Grand Beach & Michiana get double taxed.
- Kim Landess- Surprised it's 5 million.
- Paul Johnson- 2% is a Great Rate. Good Job.