

**NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2022 4:00 P.M.
17425 Red Arrow Hwy. New Buffalo, MI 49117**

1. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present: Heit, Iazzetto, Rogers & Zabicki

Absent: Rahm

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ITEMS TOO LATE FOR THE PRINTED AGENDA

- i. Add Sam Donnelly to Item i. Hire Park Employees
- o. Appoint Victoria Graham as Deputy Clerk

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Rogers moved, Iazzetto seconded to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

4. REPORTS – monthly reports were received.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – were heard.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the January 18 & February 1, 2022 Meetings

Treasurer's Report

Bills

- 1. General \$33,951.74
- 2. Building \$8,731.96
- 3. Sewer & Water \$106,660.96
- 4. Park Millage \$6,752.03
- 5. Public Safety Millage \$121,953.48
- 6. LRSB Discretionary \$9,696.25

7. Marina \$19,115.11
8. Trust & Agency \$127.97
9. Payroll \$82,654.87

Approve bond payments for Kruger/Glassman for \$7,978.74

Approve quote from Wightman for \$10,000 for GIS Easement Mapping.

Approve \$5,000 be paid to the New Buffalo Area Recreational Authority.

Approve Budget Amendments for 2021-2022.

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Payments #15 & 16 Public Safety Building Project

Zabicki moved, Rogers seconded to approve Payments #15 & 16 in the amounts of \$15,977.41 and \$4,196.63 for the new public safety building project.

Motion Carried

b. Rezoning of Community Hall Road Parcel

Iazzetto moved, Rogers seconded to approve, upon recommendation of The Planning Commission and The Berrien County Planning Commission, the rezoning of 11-13-0336-0073-14-0 from C-1, Commercial to R-1, Low Density Residential in order to construct a Private Road to be named Driftwood Path to service a site condominium consisting of 14 single-family home sites located on Community Hall Road.

Motion Carried

c. Resolution Public Act 152

Heit resolved, Zabicki seconded to approve:

WHEREAS, MCL 15.586(1) being Section 8(1) of P.A. 152 of 2011, states that "By a 2/3 votes of its governing body each year, a local unit of government may exempt itself from the requirements of this act for the succeeding year."; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to exempt the Township from its requirements of the Act for the year 2022;

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The Township hereby exercises its option under MCL 15.586(1) and exempts itself from the requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for the year 2022.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the appropriate State agency(ies) as necessary.

Heit	Yes
lazzetto	Yes
Rahm	Absent
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution Adopted

d. Resolution #20220222

Zabicki resolved, lazzetto seconded to adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test.

Heit	Yes
lazzetto	Yes
Rahm	Absent
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution Adopted

e. Resolutions to Set an Alternate Date for the July & December Boards of Review

Heit resolved, Zabicki seconded to adopt the Resolutions to Set an Alternate Date for the July & December Boards of Review.

Heit	Yes
lazzetto	Yes
Rahm	Absent
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution Adopted

f. Resolution 20220222 a USDA Rural Development Grant

Zabicki resolved, Heit seconded to adopt Resolution 20220222 a, regarding a USDA Rural Development Grant.

Heit	Yes
lazzetto	Yes
Rahm	Absent
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution Adopted

g. Resolution Authorizing Redemption of 2013 Special Assessment Bonds

Zabicki resolved, Heit seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Redemption of 2013 Special Assessment Bonds

Heit	Yes
lazzetto	Yes
Rahm	Absent
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution Adopted

h. Michigan Recreation & Park Association Conference

Heit moved, lazzetto seconded to approve Park Director Donnelly attend the Michigan Recreation & Park Association conference March 3 -6 in Traverse City. Costs include:

\$375 registration
\$368 hotel
Mileage and meal reimbursement

Motion Carried

i. Hire Park Employees

lazzetto moved, Rogers seconded to approve, upon recommendation of Park Director, Patrick Donnelly, hiring Benjamin Coffeen, and Michael Bombin for seasonal Park employees at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and Sam Donnelly at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Motion Carried

j. Townline Avenue Parcel

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k. Employee Handbook

Heit moved, Rogers seconded to approve the New Buffalo Township Employee Handbook.

Motion Carried

l. Resignation

Zabicki moved, Heit seconded to accept, with regret, the resignation of Deputy Clerk, Katharine Butler

Motion Carried

m. Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Zabicki moved, Heit seconded to approve the attached Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Motion Carried

n. Fence Quote

A discussion on fence quotes took place.

Zabicki moved, Heit seconded to approve the quote for \$21,770.72 from Custom Fence Co.

Motion Carried

o. Hire Deputy Clerk

Heit moved, Zabicki seconded to appoint Victoria Graham as Deputy Clerk for \$19.00 per hour, pending background and drug testing.

Motion Carried

8. BOARD COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Heit moved, Iazetto seconded to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

Motion Carried

Submitted,

Judith H. Zabicki
Clerk