NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 21st, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.
17425 Red Arrow Hwy., New Buffalo, MI 49117
Minutes

Supervisor Heit called the meeting to order at 5:00.

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

Present: Hannon, Heit, Iazzetto
Not Present: Anderson, Males
Pledge of Allegiance

Lake Michigan College Presentation by Al Pscholka and Ken Flowers

2. **ITEMS TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA**

- ADD TO CONSENT AGENDA: Approve payment of Donkersloot & Sons invoice in the amount of $5,200.00 for work at the marina
- ADD TO CONSENT AGENDA: Approve payment of Antero Group invoice in the amount of $3,352.50 for a lodging study
- REMOVE FROM CONSENT AGENDA: Approve a quote and payment of $11,750 for a John Deere ZTRAK mower with a 60" mowing deck from Greenmark Equipment for the Fire Department

3. **APPROVE AGENDA**

Hannon moved, Iazzetto supported, approving the agenda, as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Anderson	Absent
Hannon	Yes
Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Yes
Males	Absent

Motion CARRIED

4. **REPORTS**

Building
Code Enforcement
Fire
Galien River Sanitary District
Library
LRSB

Marina
Park
Pine Grove Cemetery
Pokagon Fund
Police

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Public comments were heard by the Board.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

lazzetto moved, Heit supported, approving the following items on the consent agenda:

Minutes of the August 19th regular meeting
Treasurer's Report
Bills

1. General $107,998.94
2. Public Safety Millage $150,552.35
3. Park Millage $14,007.37
4. Building $12,591.75
5. LRSB Discretionary $645.32
6. Sewer & Water $177,520.82
7. Marina $6,780.15
8. Payroll $113,367.19
9. Trust & Agency $0

Approve hiring Jacob Rydwelski as a paid on call firefighter effective immediately upon completion of a background check

Approve purchase of a message board speed trailer in the amount of $18,584.17 for the Fire Department $8,500 of which is covered by an AEP grant

Approve a quote from Abonmarche for a Park Plan update in the amount of $8,000

Approve submitting grant applications to both the Pokagon Fund and William J Deputy Foundation, requesting $4,000 from each organization for the Fire Department's residential smoke detector program

Approve purchasing 600 small bags of chips for the New Buffalo Halloween Parade

Approve a quote and payment of $1,750 to TreeCore for tree removal and cleanup at Glassman Park for the Park Dept.

Approve payment of Donkersloot & Sons invoice in the amount of $5,200.00 for work at the marina

Approve payment of Antero Group invoice in the amount of $3,352.50 for a lodging study

Roll Call Vote:

Anderson	Absent
Hannon	Yes
Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Yes
Males	Absent

Motion CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Marijuana Ordinance Amendment Resolution

Hannon moved, Iazzetto supported, adopting Resolution 20260921a which adopts Ordinance 20260921 to amend sections 257-3 (B)(2) and 257-3 (B)(3) of the Code of Ordinances regulating marijuana facilities which clarifies language in the ordinance regarding notification of violations to the township.

Roll Call Vote:

Anderson	Absent
Hannon	Yes
Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Yes
Males	Absent

Resolution ADOPTED

b. Union Pier Drain Disclosure Resolution

Iazzetto moved, Hannon supported, adopting Resolution 20260921b which approves the Union Pier Drain Disclosure Certificate for the Union Pier #535 Drainage District drain bond.

Roll Call Vote:

Anderson	Absent
Hannon	Yes
Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Yes
Males	Absent

Resolution ADOPTED

c. Credit Card Policy

Heit moved, Hannon supported, approving the amended credit card policy as presented.

Motion CARRIED

d. Truck Purchase

Hannon moved, Iazzetto supported, approving the purchase of a 2025 Ford Ranger from Siemans Ford in the amount of $44,785 for Code Enforcement and general use.

Motion CARRIED

e. Outdoor Assembly Permit – Trappers Alley

Iazzetto moved, Hannon supported, approving an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Trappers Alley at 19563 US-12 on October 3rd, from noon – 5:00 pm if they are eligible under ordinance 257-3(B)(3).

Motion CARRIED

f. Outdoor Assembly Permit – Border Buds

Heit moved, Hannon supported, approving an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Border Buds at 19382 M239 on October 31st, 2026, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm if they are eligible under ordinance 257-3(B)(3).

Motion CARRIED

g. Outdoor Assembly Permit – Refine New Buffalo

Iazzetto moved, Heit supported, approving an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Refine New Buffalo at 19281 US-12 on October 10th, 2026, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm if they are eligible under ordinance 257-3(B)(3).

Motion DEFEATED

h. Outdoor Assembly Permit – Puff

Hannon moved, Iazzetto supported, approving an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Puff at 11300 Holiday Drive on April 18th – 20th, 2026, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm if they are eligible under ordinance 257-3(B)(3).

Motion CARRIED

i. Outdoor Assembly Permit – Gramz

Heit moved, Hannon supported, approving an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Gramz at 11430 Holiday Drive on October 31st, 2026, from 9:00 am to 8:45 pm if they are eligible under ordinance 257-3(B)(3).

Motion CARRIED

j. Outdoor Assembly Permit – Elevated Exotics

Hannon moved, Heit supported, approving an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Elevated Exotics at 13899 Grand Ave. on October 31st, 2026, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm if they are eligible under ordinance 257-3(B)(3).

Motion CARRIED

8. BOARD COMMENTS

- Supervisor Heit provided a brief update on the status of the contractor storage yard on Kluver and Trap Stars
- Thank you to everyone who registered or sponsored the Fired Up 5K! While we were disappointed that it had to be canceled due to weather, we look forward to the 2027 Fired Up 5K.
- New Buffalo Township is hosting a housing workshop on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, with Ryan Kilpatrick of Flywheel.
- Concrete is being replaced at Tribute Plaza and we are hopeful for a ribbon cutting in November.
- 89% of property owners paid their summer taxes on time. Late tax payment can be accepted by New Buffalo Township until March 1st.
- Absentee ballots have not arrived, but the Clerk is hopeful to get ballots out the week of September 28th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Heit moved, Iazzetto supported, adjourning at 5:51 p.m.

Motion CARRIED

Submitted By:

Michelle Hannon, Clerk
New Buffalo Township