

**NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 19, 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, Rahm, Rogers, & Zabicki
Pledge of Allegiance

2. ITEMS TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA – None

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Iazzetto moved, Rogers seconded to approve the agenda

Roll Call:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Yes
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Motion CARRIED

4. REPORTS

- Building
- Fire
- GRSD
- Library
- LRSB
- Marina
- Park
- Pokagon Fund
- Police

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the August 15, 2022 township board meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bills

1. General \$30,283.06
2. Building \$8,934.00
3. Sewer & Water \$729,251.30
4. Park Millage \$17,130.86
5. Public Safety Millage \$87,303.74
6. LRSB Discretionary \$0
7. Marina \$9,919.81
8. Trust & Agency \$0
9. Payroll \$77,785.77

Approve quote from Metro Business Furniture for 6 new tables for the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$4,230.00

Approve purchasing 700 bags of chips for the New Buffalo Halloween Parade

Approve Edge security renewal for one year with an additional seat in the amount of \$544.28

Approve Estelle Brinkman to attend the Michigan Association of Planning Conference October 12- 14, 2022 in the amount of \$1,987.84 plus mileage and meals

Approve the purchase and removal/disposal of old fridge in the amount of \$833.94.

Approve Huntington bond payment in the amount of \$500.00 for Annual Administration Fee for the Fire Station and Public Safety building

Approve bond payment to the United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$39,943.75

Approve payment of \$2,850.00 to Villa Environmental Consultants for Phase 1 environmental work for the Marquette Greenway

Roll Call Vote:

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Yes
Zabicki Yes

Motion CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. MERS Resolution

Zabicki resolved, Rogers to adopted MERS resolution #2022-09-19-a regarding funding reimbursement from the following funds to the LRSB Fund:

Water \$44,970.76

Sewer \$44,970.76

Building \$89,941.53

Park \$6,727.91

In the total of \$186,610.97 to LRSB for MERS Retirement Correction.

Roll Call Vote:

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Yes
Zabicki Yes

Resolution ADOPTED

b. Road Department Agreement

Rahm moved, Iazzetto seconded to accept the Berrien County Road Department agreement for fog seal on Wilson Road in the amount of \$12,693.00.

Motion CARRIED

c. Water Department License Stipend

Rahm moved, Zabicki seconded to approve the following annual stipends to Water Department employees: \$250.00 for employees with a S-4 & D-4 licenses and \$500.00 for employees with a S-3 & D-3 licenses, not to compound.

Motion CARRIED

d. Outdoor Assembly Permit

Iazetto moved, Zabicki seconded to approve an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Seedz Brewery on October 1st, 2022.

Motion CARRIED

e. MERS

Zabicki moved, Rogers seconded to approve increasing the MERS benefit multiplier from 1.5% to 2% for all past and future service effective October 1, 2022 in the amount of \$245,370.

Motion CARRIED

f. Broadband Resolution

Heit resolved, Rogers adopted resolution #2022-09-19-b regarding a broadband application to Berrien County for ARPA funds.

Resolution ADOPTED

g. Pokagon Fund Letter of Intent

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to submit a letter of intent to the Pokagon Fund for matching funds to the Broadband grant application to Berrien County in the amount of \$360,000.

Motion CARRIED

h. Township Depositories

Rogers moved, Zabicki seconded to approve Michigan Class as an official Township depository.

Motion CARRIED

i. Community Hall Road Watermain Payment

Zabicki moved, Heit seconded to approve final payment to Oldenburg Excavating as recommended by Merritt Engineering in the amount of \$22,073.64 for watermain extension on the Community Hall Road.

Motion CARRIED

8. BOARD COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to adjourn at 4:38 p.m.

Motion CARRIED

Submitted,



Judith H. Zabicki
Clerk