

Minutes

**NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING - HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM
SEPTEMBER 21 2020 7:00 PM
17425 RED ARROW HIGHWAY
NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN 49117**

1. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

All present, except Treasurer Rogers was absent

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ITEMS TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA:

Item I: Approve payroll transfer from Park Fund to General Fund

Item J: Approve First Responder Hazard Pay Premium for Firefighters

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Rahm moved, Iazzetto seconded to approve the agenda.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

5. REPORTS – were received

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the August 17, August 31, and September 10, 2020 meetings

Treasurer's Report

Bills

1. General \$30,014.54
2. Building \$4,145.26
3. Sewer & Water \$299,700.52
4. Park Millage \$2,611.95

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- 5. Public Safety Millage \$87,092.33
- 6. LRSB Discretionary \$5,228.76
- 7. Payroll \$62,407.33

Approve Bond Payments of \$31,287.50 for Harbor Country Drive, \$9,593.75 for U.S. 12/Behner water and \$840 for Michigan City water.

Approve payment to Standard & Poor’s for \$13,500 for services for the Public Safety Building Improvement bond services.

Approve the quote from Nesci Landscapes for \$6,600 for work at Memorial Park for the bocce court new posts and lighting.

Approve the quote from Penchura for \$2,000 for work at the playground at Memorial Park.

Approve 2% raises for full-time employees, including the Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, and Fire Inspector.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

7.

a. Payment #3

Heit moved, Rahm seconded to approve Payment #3 to Grand River Construction for \$325,851.15 for the Exit 1 Improvements Project.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

b. Wightman Proposal – Trailhead & Restroom Building Union Pier

Iazzetto moved, Zabicki seconded to approve the quote from Wightman for \$12,000 for the Red Arrow Highway Union Pier Trailhead and Restroom Building.

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Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

c. Resolution Endorsing Establishment for a Recreational Funding Fee

Rahm resolved, Zabicki seconded to adopt Resolution 20200921a, Resolution Endorsing Establishment of a Recreational Funding Fee.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Resolution Adopted

d. Abonmarche Proposal – Marquette Greenway

Heit moved, Rahm seconded to approve the Abonmarche Proposal for \$175,000 for design services for The Marquette Greenway, subject to receiving a grant from The Pokagon Fund for \$100,000 of this amount and approve a grant be submitted to The Pokagon Fund.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

e. Landscape Quote

Heit moved, Iazzetto seconded to approve the quote from Nesci Landcapes for \$7,100 for landscaping work at Township Hall.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

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f. Lexipol Solutions Proposal

Heit moved, Zabicki seconded to approve the proposal from Lexipol Solutions for \$4,111.80 for annual fire policy manual and training and for policy cross-reference.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

g. Resolution Establishing Cadet/Explorer Program for Fire Department

Zabicki resolved, Heit seconded to adopt Resolution 20200921b, Resolution Establishing Cadet/Explorer Program for the Fire Department.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Resolution Adopted

h. Hiring Fire Department Cadet

Zabicki moved, Iazzetto seconded to hire Stephen Margaritis as a Fire Department Cadet.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

i. Payroll Transfer from Park Fund to General Fund

Heit moved, Zabicki seconded to approve the payroll transfer of \$4,357.07 from the Park Fund to the General Fund for payroll reimbursement.

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Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

j. First Responder Hazard Pay Premium

Heit moved, Rahm seconded to approve the First Responder Hazard pay premium of \$1,000 be paid to each firefighter.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - there were no public comments

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS – were received

10. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

11. ADJOURNMENT

Rahm moved, Zabicki seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Heit Yes
Iazzetto Yes
Rahm Yes
Rogers Absent
Zabicki Yes

Motion Carried

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Submitted,

Judith H. Zabicki
Clerk