

**NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 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, Rahm, Rogers, & Zabicki

Not Present: Iazzetto

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ITEMS TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

6. Approve remodel costs for the Marina

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to approve the agenda

Roll Call:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Motion CARRIED

4. REPORTS

Building
Fire
GRSD
Library
LRSB
Marina
NBARA
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 November 21st Regular Meeting, and November 30th, 2022 Special Meeting,
Treasurer's Report
Bills

1. General \$62,575.04
2. Building \$6,978.01
3. Sewer & Water \$45,416.52
4. Park Millage \$5,220.60
5. Public Safety Millage \$76,601.61
6. LRSB Discretionary \$736.46
7. Marina \$6,450.96
8. Trust & Agency \$0
9. Payroll \$71,034.06

Approve annual Water Department stipend

Approve 2023 contributions to employee health savings accounts for any full-time employee on the Township Health insurance plan, \$2,000 for singles, and \$4,000 for families, to be paid quarterly.

Approve 2023 Meeting Dates Calendar

Approve insurance stipend increase to \$350.00 per pay period for full time employees.

Approve Salary Adjustment for Kaitlyn Brown.

Approve invoice from Country Lane Remodeling for \$1,900, for the Marina remodel.

Roll Call Vote:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Motion CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Spark Grant

Rahm resolved, Zabicki seconded to approve resolution #2022-12-12-a regarding the application to the Spark Grant Program for the design of a non-motorized path along Harbor Country Drive. Supervisor Heit may sign and submit all documents associated with the grant application due December 19, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution ADOPTED

b. Berrien County Trails Master Plan

Zabicki resolved, Heit seconded to approve resolution #2022-12-12-b regarding the support of the Berrien County Trails Master Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution ADOPTED

c. Resolution Public Act 152

Rahm resolves to approve, Zabicki seconded:

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 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, is it 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 2023.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the appropriate State agency(ies) as necessary.

Roll Call Vote:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Resolution ADOPTED

d. Board and Committee Appoints

Zabicki moved, Rogers seconded to approve the following Appointments:

Reappoint Martha Ondrus, Dorothy Palen, and Julie Flick to the Board of Review, term expiring 12-31-24.

Reappoint Michelle Hannon to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term expiring 12-31-25.

Reappoint Traci Lauricella to the Planning Commission, term expiring 12-31-25

Reappoint Rich Kochany to the Corridor Improvement Authority Board, term expiring 12-31-26

Motion CARRIED

e. Rental Application Increase

Rogers moved, Heit seconded to approve the increase in residential rental and short-term rental application fees to \$500.000 for 3 years.

Motion CARRIED

f. Lift Station

Heit moved, Zabicki seconded to approve Change order #2, for the lift station project in the amount of \$38,058.10.

Motion CARRIED

g. Extraterritorial Fire Service

Zabicki moved, Heit seconded to approve the agreement between the City of New Buffalo and New Buffalo Township to continue providing supplemental fire services to the city through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$6000.

Roll Call Vote:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Yes

Motion CARRIED

8. BOARD COMMENTS – Pancake Breakfast, Polar Plunge

9. ADJOURNMENT

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Motion CARRIED

Submitted,

Victoria Graham
Deputy Clerk

