

**NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2021 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, and Rogers

Absent: Iazzetto and Zabicki

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA**

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to approve the agenda, with the additions of:

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Absent

Motion Carried

**3. REPORTS** – monthly reports were received.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – were heard.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Minutes of the November 15, 2021 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bills

1. General \$29,939.63
2. Building \$6,058.73
3. Sewer & Water \$52,485.96
4. Park Millage \$1,633.51
5. Public Safety Millage \$97,887.42

6. LRSB Discretionary \$11,837.35
7. Marina \$3,217.99
8. Trust & Agency \$729.00
9. Payroll \$57,359.67

Approve 2022 contributions to employee health savings accounts for any employee on the Township Health Insurance plan, \$2,000 for singles and \$4,000 for families

Approve the 2022 Meeting Dates Calendar

Approve the quote from Peerless Midwest for \$9,880 for the Maudlin Road Booster Station overhaul work. This will be presented to the LRSB in 2022 for reimbursement.

Approve the street vacation of Boruchow Street, in the "New Buffalo Highlands"

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Absent

Motion Carried

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Payments #13 Public Safety Building Project**

Rahm moved, Rogers seconded to approve Payment #13 for \$24,942.90 for the new public safety building project.

Motion Carried

### **b. Resolution Public Act 152**

Rahm resolves, Heit 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 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
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	Yes
Zabicki	Absent

Resolution Adopted

**c. Board and Committee Appointments**

Heit moved, Rogers seconded to approve the following appointments:

Reappoint Pano Arvanitis, Steve Nesci, and Carol Schmidt to The Planning Commission, terms expiring 12-31-24.

Reappoint Traci Lauricella, Sue Rogers, and Ron Oselka to the Zoning Board of Appeals, terms expiring 12-31-24.

Reappoint Chad Butler, Ed Carpenter, and Mary Nykamp to the Construction Board of Appeals, terms expiring 12-31-23.

Reappoint Kurt Hauseman and Bradley Griffith to the Corridor Improvement Authority, terms expiring 12-31-25.

Motion Carried

**d. Quote for Landscaping**

Rogers moved, Rahm seconded to approve the landscaping quotes from Advanced Property Management Services for the Township Hall property, the Public Safety Building, and the Union Pier corridor area.

Motion Carried

**e. Hire Hearing Officer**

Heit moved, Rogers seconded to approve hiring David Leroy as the Township Hearing Officer at a cost outlined below:

Pre-hearing site visit – \$50 plus mileage

Hearing \$100 for the first hour and \$25 per each additional 15 minutes plus mileage

Motion Carried

**f. Employee Time Off Policy**

Heit moved, Rahm seconded to approve, upon recommendation of an employee committee, the attached revision to the New Buffalo Township time off policy for full-time employees.

Heit	Yes
Iazzetto	Absent
Rahm	Yes
Rogers	No
Zabicki	Absent

Motion Carried

**g. Truck Purchase**

Rahm moved, Heit seconded to approve the purchase of 2 trucks for the Township from Three Oaks Ford, one for the water department and one for the park department, cost not to exceed \$28,000 each.

Motion Carried

**7. BOARD COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Rahm moved, Heit seconded to adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

Motion Carried

Submitted,

Judith H. Zabicki  
Clerk