

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Buffalo met at the Town of Buffalo office at 6:00 PM on August 8, 2023. Trustees present were Traci Routier, Elizabeth Henderson, Cliff Claypool, and Larry Blakenbaker. The employees present were Ryan Smith, Erica Wagner as secretary, and Dusty Ginsbach as attorney.

**GUESTS:** Wyatt Sabo, Tonja Hansen, Braden Routier

President T. Routier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**AGENDA:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Blankenbaker. All approved – motion passed.

**MINUTES:** A motion made by Claypool, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blankenbaker to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023, regular board meeting. All approved – motion passed.

**BAR REPORT:** No one present.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Sheriff Wyatt Sabo attended the meeting. Deputy Cadet's log was made available to read through. Sheriff Sabo brought up discussion about the town paying for Deputy Cadet's rent before his 2024 raise takes effect. Discussion of \$700/month rent. Motion to give moving stipend to Deputy Cadet from August 2023-December 2023 monthly was made by Claypool, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blankenbaker. All in favor. Sabo also discussed receiving a call from the student who backed in the Rec Center. The student responsible will repair it.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Motion made by Blankenbaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson to approve the monthly bills. All approved – motion passed.

**General payroll:**

Public Works Supervisor, Finance Office-July wages-7499.57, Dump attendant-July wages-883.72, Rec Center Cleaner-July wages-168.77, Summer help-July wages-696.34 EFTPS-Social Security, Medicare, Federal Tax Withholding-, SDRS-July contributions-1100.00, Sales Tax-

Amazon-189.49 Badger meter-monthly fee-226.10, Black Hills Chemical-Rec floors-132.63 Black Hills Pioneer-Legal/advertising-128.42, Blossoms-auditor rolls-12.78, Buffalo Hardware-supplies-266.78, Elan Card (PB&T)-833.91, Grand Electric-2509.13, HC Treasurer-law enforcement 2<sup>nd</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr-14333.33, Mandy Morris, CPA-3653.00, NWSD Landfill-monthly fee-3632.20, Olson Construction-fix dumpster-108.00, Servall-203.32, Town of Buffalo-clinic utilities-86.59, Town of Buffalo-postage/petty cash-203.00, US Bank-water loan pymt-12573.24, WRCTC-phone & internet-272.11

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mrs. Tonja Hansen, and Braden Routier were present to ask about the Homecoming parade on Thursday, 9/19/23, and spray-painting the streets. Motion to allow the request of the Homecoming parade, and spray-painting names on Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and Allison Street was made by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claypool. All in favor.

There was discussion held on the parking along Blossoms-Tills. Attorney Ginsbach brought up ideas of permanently adding a crosswalk going north of Blossoms. Discussion was held about adding handicapped parking. Ryan Smith will be measuring along the north side of Blossoms to

identify how the requiring no parking within 20 ft. of a cross would affect parking. Blankenbaker shared with the board he received notification that if the town put in no parking along Blossoms-Tills, owners of other parking in the area would not allow use of their parking during those times either. Blankenbaker then pointed out people parking downtown because they are inside the businesses and supporting the local businesses. He also mentioned that BVFD and emergency vehicles could use the north entrance to the rodeo grounds instead of the south entrance, which would allow access without having to become involved with the busy/congested street/people/parking situation. Routier acknowledged the information given about other parking being closed off and noted that her decision on parking will not be made based on intimidation, but on what is best for the safety and good of the town. Topic tabled until next month when the board will have more information on handicapped parking options and a report on Ryan's findings.

While researching ordinances, attorney Ginsbach found where there is not supposed to be parking within 75 feet of a fire station. We would need to paint the curb yellow, for no parking by the fire station. Smith will talk with the fire station about painting the curb, and this will be a follow-up for the September mtg.

The shop fence had some damage done while snow removal was done in a parking lot by the shop fence. The responsible party has fixed the fence.

Smith discussed lead/copper rule information and said the state will be coming out with updates. Smith also discussed the new pit rules that came with the towns dump inspection. In the future a portion of the pit will need to be covered more than it is now. The state will be in contact with the town about this.

Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Holiday alcohol sales was made by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blankenbaker. A roll call vote was taken with Routier-Aye, Henderson-Aye, Blankenbaker-Aye, Claypool-Nay. Ordinance passed.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1

#### AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONGURENCE OF STATE AND LOCAL LAWS REGARDING THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF BUFFALO:

WHEREAS, the Town of Buffalo wishes to simplify the local laws regarding the sale of intoxicating liquors and to avoid discrepancies with State laws; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's Session Law 2018, Ch. 213 provided substantial changes reflecting the belief in the entrepreneurial spirit of our businesses and personal responsibility of our citizenry;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Town of Buffalo, South Dakota:

Ordinance No. 201 is hereby repealed;  
Ordinance No. 172 is hereby repealed;  
Ordinance No. 170 is hereby repealed;  
Ordinance No. 110 is hereby repealed;  
Ordinance No. 108, Section 2 (5) is hereby repealed;  
Ordinance No. 101 is hereby repealed; and

All Ordinances of the Town of Buffalo regarding the sale of intoxicating liquors which are in conflict with the laws of the state of South Dakota or regulations of the South Dakota Department of Revenue are repealed.

Traci Routier

President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Erica Wagner

Finance Officer

First Reading: 7/11/23

Second Reading: 8/8/23

Approval: 8/8/23

Published: 8/17/23

Effective: 9/6/23

Motion to approve the easement presentation by Attorney Ginsbach to BC Struble was made by Claypool, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henderson.

Motion to approve the Wright purchase agreement by Attorney Ginsbach to Wrights was made by Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Routier.

**FOLLOW UP ITEMS:**

The office has received many compliments on the flowers placed at businesses around town.

**MISC:**

Attorney Ginsbach brought up putting together a list of nuisance properties for the future.

**Executive Session:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Being no further business, T. Routier declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be September 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town of Buffalo office.

SIGNED: /s/ Traci Routier  
Traci Routier, President

ATTEST: /s/ Erica Wagner  
Erica Wagner, Finance Officer