



July 6, 2026
Board of Works

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Justin Smith, Board of Works
Kristie Laub, Common Council
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Andy Cintron, Water Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent:

Bob Haywood, Board of Works
Kris Tadsen, Street Superintendent
Matt Traster, Police Chief

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Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Board of Works at 6:30 pm at 215 South Broadway.

The minutes from the June 15th meeting were presented. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from audience pertaining to the agenda items. None



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Mayor Hartman introduced John Bry and stated that he has been discussing downtown revitalization with him for several years. When the budget for 2026 was approved, it included \$150,000 for Doden to spearhead a downtown revitalization project for Butler. The proposed project with Doden has fallen through because it was partly based on Doden receiving a grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation for part of the work. Doden only received a small portion of what he requested

Mr. Bry is retiring for his full-time position in Michigan and is available now to help with Butler's Downtown Revitalization. Mr. Bry has provided Mayor Hartman with a contract in the amount of \$5,000 per month or \$60,000 per year.

Mr. Bry stated that he has been working for the only County-Wide Main Street Program in the nation in Michigan. He has 31 years of experience in the field and a lot of grant writing and grant awards. He has worked with communities as small as 500 people and with communities as large as 80,000. He wants to get back to working with rural communities.

Mayor Hartman requested that the Board of Works approve a 30-day contract for now and when Mr. Bry has fully retired from Michigan, he will come back again to request a contract for a full year.

Mr. Smith stated that he likes the proposal and that it gives Butler an advantage because Butler is Mr. Bry's childhood community. There was discussion on how frequently the Board will receive progress updates. Mayor Hartman stated that updates with Mr. Bry will occur on a one-to-one basis with him and then Mayor Hartman will provide updates that he can share with the Board.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve one month for Mr. Bry at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 starting July 6 and ending August 6th. Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Bry will return to the October 5th Board of Works meeting to present an annual contract.

Payments and Vouchers

Pay Period 6/1 to 6/14 in the amount of \$47,081.83

Pay Period 6/15 to 6/28 in the amount of \$43,300.32

June Elected Pay in the amount of \$4,532.96

Vouchers for the period 6/12 to 7/2 in the amount of \$417,193.06



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Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the claims and vouchers as presented and Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Utility Billing Adjustment Requests:

2026-19, 107 W Liberty, Clerical error. Credit account \$50.

2026-20, 209 E Washington, pool credit for a new customer. Credit account \$103.99

2026-21, 115 S Ivy, leak at meter pit. Credit account \$50.35

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the adjustments and Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller requested permission to purchase two new radios, one for Engine 33 and the other for Brush 38. He obtained quotes from Mohre Electronics and ERS Wireless. ERS ended up being the cheapest at \$18,199.05. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the purchase from ERS at a cost not to exceed \$18,199.05 and Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chief Mausteller reported that he and the Fire Board interviewed 5 candidates for part-time paid positions. He has since made offers of part-time employment to 4 of them.

Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that a customer illegally turned their water back on after they were shut-off for non-payment. The Water Department has fined the customer \$500.

Water Superintendent Andy Cintron added that all meter pits are City property and residents are not permitted to do anything to them.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck requested permission to pay Erwin Auto for repairs that were made to the 2019 Charger. The actual cost ended up being more than a \$1,000 over the estimate and the City was not contacted about the overage. Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize payment to Erwin Auto in the amount of \$4,233.49 and Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented a request from Eastside Little League Football to purchase jerseys at a cost of \$10,845. Andrew Nutt was present to answer any questions on behalf of the League. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Nutt what the cost was the last time they were purchased. Mr. Nutt stated that he did not know, but that these new jerseys are expected to last 6 to 8



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years. They also have a 2-year warranty. East Noble has purchased the exact same jerseys as well, so the League has seen them. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the purchase at a cost of \$10,845 and Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

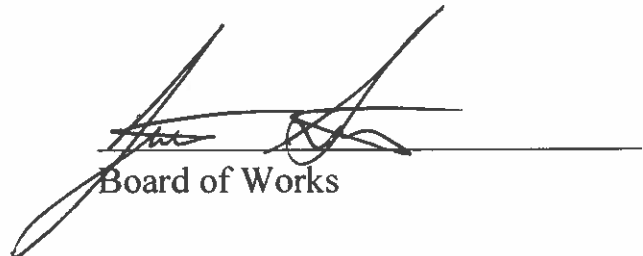
Lastly, Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the former Butler Food Center owners have left bills totaling \$4,033.99 behind. Of that, \$1826.82 are liens that have already been filed on the property.

Mayor

Mayor Hartman reported that GFL (garbage and recycling) has reached out to him about a possible fuel surcharge. He has not received the necessary information back from GFL in order to present it to the board, so discussion on that issue is tabled.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm and Mrs. Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.


Mike Hartman
Mayor


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Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer


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