

BURT TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

September 9, 2021

Burt Township Hall

The Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Jay Jontz on Sept 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m at the Burt Township Hall.

TOWNSHIP HALL ATTENDEES: Jay Jontz (by phone), Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Allen Kozlowski (excused), **Matt Landon came 5 minutes late.**

ALSO ATTENDING IN PERSON: Jake Myers, of Beckett and Raeder, Jim Larson, Harold Koviak, Kaatie Parker, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jay Jontz

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST – none

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Landon, to approve the July 8, 2021, minutes with changing a sentence in Section 1, Article II to read, "Agreement was again reached that pole barns ~~with living space~~ as a principle use in the waterfront residential district are prohibited."

MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS

Township Board Representative – Hodulik

1. The fire agreement parameters agreed on by the board and signed by Koviak and Kozlowski was delivered September 9 to the Mullett Township Supervisor by Hodulik
2. Phase III of the Burt Lake Trail was started on September 7.
3. Corner Store project, the first two phases of the environmental study will be provided by EGLE, and EGLE, in writing to the township board, will be held harmless for any future work on the property. The difference of the appraisal of the two properties will be reduced by cost avoidance value.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report Representative- Jontz

The Jacobs variance request for location of a pole barn which was tabled from the May meeting was approved.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – Jim Larson

It's been a busy year with many requests.

PLANNING CONSULTANT-Jake Myers of Beckett and Raeder

He said that the census data trends show that the east side of the state population is declining while the west side is "booming." As for Cheboygan County, the west side is growing faster than the east side, and he will provide us with more data when it's available

OLD BUSINESS

HIGH SPEED INTERNET – Kozlowski

Jay Jontz read an updated report from Kozlowski regarding Spectrum (nothing new), Starlink (installations increasing in our township), Century Link (to be purchased by Appolo Global Management who will focus on rural areas), PIEG (plans to expand high speed internet to their customers in Burt Township). Kozlowski wrote a letter to PIEG CEO stating Burt Township's cooperation to expand the high speed internet to additional non PIEG customers. Copies sent to Jeff Lawson and Sue Buitenhuis .

NEW BUSINESS:

Cheboygan County's MTA has created an ordinance for blight which involves the county sheriff who will deliver a letter and citation if needed upon approval by the township board. Township approval of this approach is optional but if approved, no changes are permitted. Burt Township does have an ordinance covering nearly every case of this MTA ordinance.

Short term rental and gravel pit Lansing bills have not been approved.

A survey has to be created for gathering information from constituents regarding raising the millage from ½ to 1 mil for fire protection/EMS services and roads. Survey should also include the topic of high speed internet services. The survey should be created before year end in both a mailing and online.

BRAINSTORM – how to make this a better township?

High Speed Internet.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS – none

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

MOTION TO ADJOURN – motion by Landon, supported by Janness at 7:51 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – November 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary

