

**BURT TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
January 6, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on January 6, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Attendance: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Art Pillen, Gene Hodulik, Donna McDougall

Absent: None

Guests: Dan Swantek, Linda Socha

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

- 1) Website
- 2) Zoning Administrator Annual Report

Minutes: December 2, 2010

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of December 2, 2010 as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills:

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve payment of the bills totaling: \$15,943.91

MOTION APPROVED

Old Business:

Cheboygan Humane Society

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to contract with the Cheboygan County Humane Society for animal control services for 2011 in the amount of \$1500.00 which is the same amount as in 2010.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business:

Dennis Lennox, Drain Commissioner - Koviak

Dennis Lennox solicited Burt Township to consider adopting resolutions for changes in county government. (Letter attached)

Discussion: Linda Socha said Lennox does not attend commissioner meetings. His annual report is not what is required by the county; he should be naming the drains and how much was spent on each. The commission has set up a revolving fund for the Drain Commission and has put in \$100, not the requested \$75,000.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik to receive and place the Drain Commissioner's letter on file.

APPROVED

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund - Koviak

Koviak presented the letter recommending that Burt Township be awarded a grant in the amount of \$398,500 for Non-Motorized Trail Development. Before the grant is awarded the DNRE must receive legislative approval and appropriation of funds for the project, and Burt Township must enter into an agreement with the DNRE. Construction will probably begin in 2012.

Koviak noted that there is no new information on the proposed Maple Bay boat launch improvements.

Cheboygan County Road Commission – Koviak

The Road Commission has notified all townships that the Township Allocation has been suspended for 2011 due to lack of revenue. Koviak noted that Burt Township's allotment was approximately \$5,000 and used for road brining. The township will need to pay for the brining this summer as well as including the portion of S. Extension Road that the county was already brining. Letter placed on file.

Board of Review Training – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve funding for the three Board of Review members to attend the MTA training at a cost of \$75.00 each, plus materials.

Discussion: Linda Socha said townships may attend the training in eastern UP at a cost of \$50 total if the assessor is a member. Koviak said he will check into this as another option.

APPROVED

2010 Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Reports – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept and place on file the annual reports submitted by chairs Gary Street and Walt Lindsay for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

APPROVED

Zoning Board of Appeals - Koviak

ZBA member Dave Poxson passed away in December. Koviak will present Maggie Poxson with a plaque for Dave's 35 years of service to Burt Township.

ZBA Chair, Walt Lindsay, submitted a letter of resignation on December 10, 2010, after eight years of service due to his seasonal status.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to accept Walt Lindsay's letter of resignation with regret and place it on file.

APPROVED

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to fill the vacancies created by the loss of Dave Poxson and Walt Lindsay on the ZBA as follows:

- 1) Katie Parker-Ebbers, Chair
- 2) Kim Kihnke Vice Chair for a one-year term assuming Lindsay's term.
- 3) Adding Dennis Reimann to fill Poxson's position for a 3 year term.

Discussion: None

APPROVED

An Alternate for the ZBA is still needed.

2010 Zoning Administrator Annual Report – Dan Swantek

Permits and values were down for 2010, only 2 houses and 23 additions, decks, or porch, garages, etc. Report accepted and placed on file.

Website – Hodulik

Discussion on improvements to the website being suggested and considered.

County Commissioner's Report – Linda Socha

The organizational meeting was last week. Linda Socha will be the chair for the next 2 years. The commission has a balanced budget with some cuts and privatization of the housing programs.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to adjourn.

APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk