

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
January 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on January 8, 2015, at 2:03 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Harold Koviak, Eugene Hodulik, Shirley Reimann, Arthur Pillen, Donna McDougall

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Mike Brendly, Russ Elmhirst, Jim Larson, Robert VandeKopple

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Agenda – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014 as presented and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy Manual – Koviak

McDougall met with Planning Consultant Mary Campbell regarding the Policy Manual. This will be tabled to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Lathers Road - Koviak

Bob VandeKopple – U of M Biological Station, attended the meeting to request Board support for abandonment of Lathers Road. He said this proposal has the support of Little Traverse Conservancy and local residents. He has not yet approached the Road Commission. McDougall said she was concerned about fire access and asked if this abandonment would consist of a gate across Lathers Road or something more. VandeKopple said it would be a gate at both ends of the road. Trustees Pillen and Hodulik noted that U of M has not cooperated with the township trail route planning through the U of M property on the north end of the lake.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik not to support U of M's request for support of abandonment of Lathers Road.

MOTION APPROVED

Committee Appointments –Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to reappoint Robert Babcock and Chris Kindsvatter to a 3 year term for the Planning Commission and Kimberly Kihnke to a 3 year term for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Donna McDougall will replace Joyce Hutto-Nolan as Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission, ZBA and Trail Committee.

MOTION APPROVED

2015 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the following Board Meeting dates for 2015.

January 8, 2015 – 2:00 pm

February – no meeting

March 5, 2015 – 2:00 pm

April 2, 2015 – 1:30 Budget Hearing
2:00 pm Board Meeting

May 7, 2015 – 7:00 pm

June 4, 2015 – 7:00 pm

July 2, 2015 – 7:00 pm

August 6, 2015 – 7:00 pm

September 3, 2015 – 7:00 pm

October 1, 2015 – 7:00 pm

November 5, 2015 – 7:00 pm

December 3, 2015 – 2:00 pm

January 7, 2016 – 2:00 pm

February – no meeting

March 3, 2016 – 2:00 pm

MOTION APPROVED

Correspondence - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Reimann to file the following correspondence: Road Commission minutes of November 13, 2014, and December 4, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Pillen

The Trail Committee did not meeting in December.

Meeting dates for 2015 are as follows:

February 23, 2015 – 7:00 pm

March 23, 2015 – 7:00 pm

May 19, 2015 – 7:00 pm

June 22, 2015 – 7:00 pm

July 27, 2015 – 7:00 pm

August 24, 2015 – 7:00 pm

September 28, 2015 – 7:00 pm

October 26, 2015 – 7:00 pm

December 7, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Connie and Steve Vorenkamp are working on grant proposals for an off-road trail to continue the trail on the west side up to Riggsville Road, to widen Riggsville Road for paved shoulders, and paved shoulders on East Burt Lake Road south to Birchwood Road.

Planning Commission – Hodulik

A Public Hearing will be on January 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm. The regular meeting will follow with discussion on deer fencing, paving block, and accessory buildings.

Zoning Board of Appeals –Koviak

The next meeting is February 20, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Election of officers will take place at that time.

Zoning Administrator – Larson

No report

Supervisor – Koviak

Board of Review training is offered in February.

Public comment

Russ Elmhirst asked if the DNR dredged Maple Bay for the boat launch because he has a large amount of debris washed up on his property on the East side of the lake. Koviak said the debris was taken away from the site and disposed of but does not know where it went.

Elmhirst also asked if the stakes for the cemetery have arrived yet. Koviak said they have been ordered but does not know if they have arrived.

Mike Brendly asked how to keep the Road Commission from blocking Needles Road access for ice fishing. Koviak said he will call Road Commission manager to check on this.

Next meeting: March 5, 2015 – 2:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 2:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk