

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
October 1, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on October 1, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

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

Absent: None

GUESTS: Chris Brown, Sonya Grondin, Chris Kindsvatter, Jim Larson, Alyssa Potter

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Presque Ile Electric resolution for expanding natural gas for rural Michigan

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment –

- Koviak welcomed Alyssa Porter from Cheboygan High School 11th grade government class.
- Larson asked about an email he received from an architect regarding the setbacks for private roads. Koviak verified that the easement was all that was necessary.

Consent Agenda – Minutes and Bills

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

MOTION APPROVED

Unfinished Business

Email Addresses – Koviak

Burt Township has contracted with Chris Nye to provide email addresses for each official and committee member. They will be available soon. Pillen is checking with Gaslight Media regarding storing email information on their servers.

New Business

Planning Consultant – Kindsvatter

Randy Fryberg, Fryberg Consulting, LLC, was interviewed prior to the Planning Commission meeting. Kindsvatter said he would like a flat fee of \$1,000.00 per month which would include expenses. At the end of the year it would be adjusted for time and materials.

Eagles Nest Rd. - Koviak

Kindsvatter requested Burt Township Board donate \$500.00 to support paving for Eagles Nest Road. He said Eagles Nest Rd. has at least 200 uses, many from Burt Township. He has collect about \$2,000.00 from Burt Township residents. Koviak said the Board cannot donate for a road in Tuscarora Township but said a letter of support could be sent. Jack Bunch wrote a letter of against support of Eagles Nest Rd.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to send a letter to Tuscarora Township in support of paving Eagles Nest Road.

MOTION APPROVED

Presque Ile Electric – Koviak

Presque Isle Electric & Gas sent a letter requesting a resolution in support of expansion of natural gas in rural areas.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik to approve a resolution in support of Presque Ile Electric & Gas expansion of natural gas in rural areas.

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

- Alex Nikoloff, MDOT spoke at the September MTA meeting. Prior to the meeting, Hodulik and Vorenkamp gave him a tour of the Burt Lake Trail.
- Brent Shank from the Road Commission told Hodulik that the Burt-Mullet Rd. will cost \$25,000.00 additional for the trail and that the amount budgeted for the road might be able to include the trail so the township should not apply for TAP funds.

Planning Commission– Kindsvatter

- Planning Commission forwarded recommended changes on out of date zoning requirements to the Board for approval. The Board will consider this at the November 5, 2016 meeting.
- The subcommittee on septic system and water quality is still working on their recommendations.
- Waterfront rentals – to be tabled as White Goose Bay Assoc. is working on their bylaws
- Fire pit seating area – increasing size of the seating area is being discussed
- Natural vegetation strip violations – Larson has a list of residents who have not complied with the requirements.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Koviak

The ZBA approved variances for William and Phyllis Marshall, 10441 Chickagami Trail, Brutus, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boan, 7461 Mullet-Burt Rd. Cheboygan for storage sheds in the rear setback right of ways.

The next meeting is in December 4, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Zoning Administrator – Larson

Larson said people are starting construction without obtaining zoning permits. Randy Fryberg suggested at the Planning Commission meeting that the Board change its fee structure to triple the fees for residents who do not follow the permit procedure.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to modify the Burt Township Board fee structure to include “fees will be tripled if proper permits are not obtained prior to construction.”
APPROVED

Supervisor Report – Koviak

- Birchwood Road is getting repaired and a new culvert has put in at the corner of Birchwood and Crump Roads.
- The DNR property on the west side went up for auction in August. The minimum bid was \$295,000 with no bids. The DNR may use a real estate firm or their own real estate division to sell the property.

Correspondence

1. Letter from concerned resident about pipeline under straits
2. Bunce letter
3. Road Commission minutes
4. MTA minutes

MOTION: Moved by Reimann, supported by Hodulik to file the correspondence.
MOTION APPROVED

County Commissioner – Chris Brown

Hodulik suggested the county charge for recycling for townships that do not participate in recycling. Brown said the county is looking into charging.

Public Comment - None

Upcoming meetings:

Burt Lake Trail Committee – October 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Burt Lake Board Meeting – November 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting – November 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm

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

Adjourned at 7:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk