

**BURT TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
October 7, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on October 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Attendance: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Art Pillen, Gene Hodulik, Donna McDougall
Absent: None

Guests: James Larson, James Betancourt, Dan Swantek, Linda Socha, Dr. Jon Jontz

Public Comment:

1. James Larson asked if he should give letters opposing the trail to the Board. Koviak acknowledged that would be acceptable.
2. Swantek noted that he would like the minutes to reflect that he wants road signs on Love Rd. and Peace Trail.

Agenda – Harold Koviak

Add to agenda: Broadband

MTA magazine article

Linda Socha – Cheboygan County budget update

Planning Commission vacancy

Minutes: September 2, 2010

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept the minutes of September 2, 2010 as published.

James Larson requested to change the Motion under Correspondence to read: “7 for and 22 against the Trail.”

Motion amended to add the above.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills totaling: \$81,285.25.

MOTION APPROVED

Old Business

None

New Business

Burt Lake Trail Committee - Koviak

At the last Board Meeting the Burt Lake Trail Committee was made a stand-alone committee. As such, a Board Member may be on this committee.

MOTION: Moved by McDougall, supported by Reimann, to appoint Art Pillen a member of the Burt Lake Trail Committee representing the Burt Township Board.

MOTION APPROVED

BLPA Signs - Koviak

Koviak applied to the Road Commission for two signs as requested by BLPA, one for Hoppies access and the other for Sturgeon Bay access. The approximate 2'x3' signs will explain about zebra mussels and other lake issues. BLPA will pay for the signs and put them up.

MTA – Koviak

Koviak and Pillen attended the September MTA meeting. Guest speaker was Sheriff Dale Clarmont who presented the 2009 Annual Report.

Other topics:

- Road Commission Meeting – October 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Indian River office.
- MTA Annual Meeting – January 26-28, 2011
- Assessors would like to use the County website for deed searches.

Zoning Administrator Report - Dan Swantek

Jim Parker litigation is still outstanding.

Correspondence – Koviak

- Annual Drain Commission Report from Dennis Lennox
 - Koviak received four letters opposing the Burt Lake Trail
 - Letter of resignation from Burt Lake Trail Chair Gary Street
 - MTA August report
 - Letter from Jim Anderson to Road Commission praising their good work on Indian Point Road
- MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept the correspondence and place on file.

MOTION APPROVED

Planning Commission - Koviak

With the resignation of Linda Caverly, the Planning Commission has a vacancy. Koviak suggested Bob Babcock as the replacement to fill this vacancy.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by McDougall, to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission with Bob Babcock.

MOTION APPROVED

Linda Socha, Cheboygan County Commissioner

--In answer the question on the Assesors' issues with the County computer usage, Linda said she will check into this with Clerk Mary Ellen Tryban. Not all of the deeds have yet been digitized and this may account for part of the issue as well as computer fire-wall problems.

-- The Drain Commissioner wants a \$75,000 revolving fund for special assessments, a raise of \$16,000 and a paid deputy for his office.

-- The County is working on the 2011 budget and is looking for ways to cut costs. They will not cut the Sheriffs's Dept.

--Construction is up – more garages and pole barns are being built and home renovations are being made by people moving into once was their summer homes but are now their principal residences.

Broadband - Hodulik

Hodulik reported there will be a Broadband Seminar on October 26, 2010 at the Gaylord University Center at 1:00 PM to explain the recently approved grant to bring High speed internet service to northern Michigan.

Recycling – Hodulik

Hodulik suggested moving a container to the West Side for recycling. He will check with the County on costs to empty the container. Jon Jontz said it would be well-received.

New correspondence from Larson

James Larson turned in a folder of letters he received. He did not know the exact number in the folder. He said he has another 12 or so at home.

Note: Upon count, Clerk McDougall notes there are 93 letters, 5 of which are duplicates, in the folder.

Mr. Larson asked what the Board plans to do with the letters. Koviak said they will be received and placed on file. Mr. Larson asked if the trail project will be placed on hold. Dr. Jontz said he is very much in favor of the trail, and he knows many individuals who are also and would be willing to write letters, if necessary.

Mr. Betancourt noted he does not anticipate much usage for the trail. Koviak said the trail project will go forward as planned.

The next Burt Lake Trail meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2010 at 7 pm. Dr. Steven Vorenkamp is the new Chair.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk