

BURT TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
November 4, 2010

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on November 4, 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: Joan Robinson, Shirley Aittama, Marilyn Bonnett, Russ Elmhirst, Iver and Carolyn Thornburg, James Larson, Doug Parsons, Fred Lindroth, Lawrence and Barbara Hager, Patti Boutilier, Dick Smith, Phyllis Marshall, Dan Swantek

Supervisor Koviak welcomed the guests and asked if anyone had any comments.

Public Comment:

Larson asked how many letters he submitted to the Board at the October 7, 2010 meeting. Koviak responded that 93 letters were submitted as reflected in the minutes.

Agenda – Harold Koviak

Add to agenda: Iver Thornburg–Fire Report

Fred Lindroth – Assessor’s Report

Minutes: October 7, 2010

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept the minutes of October 7, 2010 as published.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills totaling: \$15,376.96.

MOTION APPROVED

Old Business

Recycling: Hodulik

Dan O’henly will move one big bin to the west side transfer station from the east side and add to the 2011 budget funds for another bin for the west side, making 2 bins on each side. Dividers will separate fiber from tin, glass and plastic.

New Business

Tax Letter – Koviak

Suggestions for Tax letter will included information on Spring clean up (west side), Maple Bay boat ramp, Trail update (informative letter from Dr. Steven Vorenkamp, Chair) will be on reverse side, Zoning update, Improvements to S. Extension Road and

Hoppies road end parking, and Recycling at the west side transfer station. Koviak will write the letter and submit copies to the County to go with the tax bills.

MTA Meeting – Koviak

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council speaker gave a report on drilling in northern Michigan and information about fracking and injection wells. The speaker noted that it takes 2 million gallons of water each time they drill and that water cannot be reused in Michigan. The next MTA meeting will be at Inverness Hall on December 2nd at 6:30 pm and will be a combination November/December potluck and meeting.

Fire Report – Iver Thornburg

Iver Thornburg reported this is a great time to trim overhanging limbs on driveways as the fire engines require a 12'tall by 12' wide access. He also stated the Fire Dept. recommends that future Zoning changes require underground utility lines. During the recent wind storm, Burt Township experienced the greatest number of outages due to downed trees and limbs. Koviak requested Hodulik pass this information on to the Planning Commission.

Dick Smith asked if Greenman's Point is serviced by Topinabee or Pellston Fire Dept. Koviak informed him that Topinabee services that area. Smith also asked who to call if a tree is down and was told to call Koviak.

Assessor's Report - Fred Lindroth

Lindroth reported that the CPI in Michigan is 1.7% and most taxpayers will see an increase in that amount for 2011. Assessments are flat so there will not likely be big drops like last year.

Public Comment

Dan Swantek asked if anyone on the Board attended the Broadband meeting – no one attended.

Russ Elmhirst asked if anyone goes to the Road Commission meetings. Koviak said he goes whenever possible. Elmhirst wanted to know who to call if his road needs repair and Koviak said to call the foreman, Mr. Bunker, or to call himself.

James Larson asked if someone lives on a road that is not fire accessible is that a priority and should they contact a Board Member. Koviak said a Board Member should be notified.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk

