

**BURT TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
December 1, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on December 1, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Keith Cheli, Rich Hill, James Larson, Linda Socha, Dan Swantek

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

New Business:

Burt Lake Trail Committee – Pillen

WiFi – Hodulik

Cheboygan County Road Commission Enhancement Funding Agreement – Koviak

Cheboygan County Humane Society – McDougall

Zoning - Swantek

Deletions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes – November 3, 2011

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of November 3, 2011 as published.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve payment of the bills: \$55,341.05.

Discussion: Koviak noted that the Cheboygan County Road Commission's final cost for the W. Numbers road paving project was \$78,032.87, \$13,917.00 less than the estimate.

MOTION APPROVED

Old Business

Service Road Paving Project - Koviak

Koviak suggested the Board table this item until January 2012, as the Road Commission voted not to extend Luke Houlton's contract but to go into negotiations with him. Houlton's contract expires 12/31/11.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to table the Service Road Paving project until January 2012.

MOTION APPROVED

Burt Lake Trail Financial Statement – Pillen

As of October 31, 2011:
Total Pledges: \$137,600
Cash Payments: 5,250
Total: \$142,850

Income to Date: \$64,8000
Report placed on file

New Business

Maple Bay Boat Launch - Koviak

In response to the Board's concern that the section of Maple Bay Road from Chickagami Trail to Burt Lake would become abandoned with the Maple Bay boat launch project, and, therefore, rescinded to the State, Luke Houlton suggested at the last Cheboygan Road Commission meeting that this section be made a seasonal road. This would allow the Cheboygan Road Commission to retain ownership of the property. Keith Cheli from the DNR attended the Board meeting today to request support from the Township Board to make the section of Maple Bay Road from Chickagami Trail to Burt Lake a seasonal road.

Koviak said that the Road Commission does not plan to put up a gate, only a sign stating: Seasonal Road.

The board agreed that winter plowing would have no bearing on the Maple Bay project, and the board would work to make sure that the lake is accessible for winter rescue services.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to support a resolution to make the section of Maple Bay Road from Chickagami Trail to Burt Lake a seasonal road.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Zoning – Swantek

Wheatlake property – Swantek noted a large patio within the 75' front setback. He obtained satellite pictures of the property from 2004, and it appears that the patio was there at that time. Swantek is still working on this.

Gary Quick – Swantek will contact Quick's daughter, Karen Osier, to see what can be done to clean up the property.

Wi-Fi – Hodulik

Jay Jontz asked if Wi-Fi can be established at the Hall in order to participate in meetings without being present. Hodulik is working with RACC if see if this is available.

Cheboygan County Road Enhancement and Burt Township Funding Agreement for Non-Motorized Path – Koviak

This is necessary to receive grant funds from MDOT in the amount of \$473,325 for the Burt Lake Trail.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by McDougall to approve the Cheboygan County Road Enhancement and Burt Township Funding Agreement for Non-Motorized Path.

MOTION APPROVED

Burt Lake Trail – Pillen

At the meeting on November 28, 2012, all current members volunteered to remain on the committee. In addition, Mary Street, Kelly Jontz and Patti Johnson volunteered to serve.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik approve appointment of volunteer new members Mary Street, Kelly Jontz, Frank Kestler and Patti Johnson and reappointment of: Ann Baughman, Bert Ebbers, Virginia Chenevere, Jay Jontz, Kim Kihnke-Laniga, Mac Richardson, John Roberts, Gary Street, Connie Vorenkamp and Chair Steve Vorenkamp to the Burt Lake Trail for 2012.

MOTION APPROVED

Art Pillen will remain as Burt Township Board liaison.

Cheboygan Humane Society 2012 Contract for Services - McDougall

McDougall distributed information for review in January 2012.

Upcoming Meetings - Koviak

ZBA –December 9, 2011 at 2pm

Planning Commission Public Hearing and Meeting - December 12, 2011 at 7 pm

Board of Review – December 13, 2011 at 3 pm

Burt Lake Trail Meeting - January 23, 2012

Board Meeting – January 5, 2012 at 2 pm

2012 Spring Clean Up Day – June 16, 2012 – East Side Transfer Station

Public Comment

James Larson asked if the Burt Lake Trail is not used for its intended use, what recourse would be available for individuals who have given easements. Koviak said the township attorney is preparing easement documents.

McDougall is contacting the insurance company regarding liability for the Trail treasurer and will ask about liability for the trail, in general.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk