

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
December 2, 2015**

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

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

Absent: Gene Hodulik (excused)

GUESTS: David Boyle, NDG, Russ Elmhirst, Chris Kindsvatter, Jim Larson, Lucas Porath, NDG, Connie & Steve Vorenkamp

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

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

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment

Russ Elmhirst said Needles Road is plowed down to the lake by the Road Commission but his neighbor to the left of him does not want it plowed as he cannot get into this driveway. Koviak said Russ to contact Brent Shank at the Road Commission about this problem.

Consent Agenda –

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to approve the Board Minutes of November 5, 2015, and payment of the bills,

MOTION APPROVED

Unfinished Business

Birchwood Road – Koviak

The total Road Commission bill for Birchwood Road is \$68,599.81. The Road Commission plans to wait until next spring and rework the road with the grader. They are not doing anything with the berm at this time and will see how it drains next spring.

Website and Gaslight Media Proposal – Pillen

Pillen said he has not talked to Chris Nye about the website but called him today and left and message.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Koviak to table this topic until the January 7, 2016 meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business

Northwest Design Group - Koviak & Vorenkamp

Lucas Porath from NDG attended the meeting to present a proposal for engineering study for Phase II of the trail, from the Hogsback Rd. on the west side to north to Riggsville and the east

side down to Hoppies. The fee is \$18,000 for the engineering study. The easement from U of M still needs to be approved. The application for MNRTF is due March 1, 2016 but the easement details can be finalized later if approval is granted. East Burt Lake Rd. will be paved shoulders as residents do not want a separated trail.

MOTION: Moved by McDougall, supported by Pillen to contract with Northwest Design Group for an engineering study for Phase II of the Burt Lake Trail in the amount of \$18,000.00; funds to be paid from the Trail Account.

Roll call vote taken: Reimann – yes; Pillen –yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Zoning Board of Appeals – December 4, 2015 at 2:00 pm

Trail meeting – December 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Planning Commission – December 14, 2015 7:00 pm

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

Koviak read Carl Muscott's letter to the Board members commending their fiscal responsibility by inserting a newsletter with the tax bills.

Next meeting: January 7, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to adjourn

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 2:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk