

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
March 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on March 3, 2016 at 2:00 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: David Hutto, David Boyle, Northwest Design Group, Chris Brown, Jim Coles, Russ Elmhirst, Chris Kindsvatter, Jim Larson, Kathryn Parker, Linda Pillen, Iver Thornberg

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – David Hutto said Granetta Thormassey, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council will share details of a new Watershed Management plan on April 1, 2016, at the Tuscarora Township Hall at 1:00 pm.

Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the agenda with the following additions: Pellston Fire Dept. report

MOTION APPROVED

Consent Agenda – Minutes and Bills

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to approve the Minutes of the January 7, 2016, board meeting and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Burt Township Website – Pillen and McDougall

McDougall reported that Chris Nye of Nye's Web Design said the cost of redesigning the website would be \$400. Wix.com would cost around \$150/year. Yearly fee of training and tech support would be \$300.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Koviak to contract with Nyes Web Design to redesign and maintain the Burt Township website for 2016-2017.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to reappoint Matt Landon to the Planning Commission for a three-year term; Chris Kindsvatter and Katie Parker to the Zoning Appeals

Board for a three-year term; and reappoint Ed Reimann and appoint Brad Gerlach, Steve Vorenkamp, and Virginia Chenevere (alternate) to the Board of Review for a two-year term.

MOTION APPROVED

Local Roads – Koviak

Koviak attended the Road Commission meeting in February and received Burt Township’s road condition report for 2016. The roads are rated 1-10.

None are rated 9 or 10

8 – Service Rd. and Feather Lane

7 – none

6 – Indian Rd., Crump Rd., Eagles Nest Rd., and W. Numbers Rd.

Poor ratings:

5, 4, and 3 – Elmhirst Rd., Stratford Ln., Cedar Rd. and Cedar Point Dr, Deerfield Ln, Needles Rd.

2 – Chickagami Trail, Indian Trail, Maple Bay, Mullett-Burt Rd.

Koviak said that if Birchwood Rd. holds up through the winter, the township will get an estimate for repairing Indian Point.

Burt Lake Trail –

David Boyle, NDG presented the following resolution for adoption by the board for funding to extend the Burt Lake Trail from the Hogsback Rd., on the west side of the lake to Birchwood Rd. on the east side. It requires a \$75,000 match by the township. Reimann said the Burt Lake Trail Fund currently has \$57,986.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION
BURT TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Burt Township supports the submission of an application titled, “Burt Lake Trail” to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development of a non-motorized path along west Burt Lake Road from Hogsback Road to Riggsville Road, Riggsville Road to East Burt Lake Road and East Burt Lake Road to West Birchwood Road; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by Community’s 5 year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Burt Township has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of **\$75,000.00** matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, Burt Township commits its local match and donated amounts from the following sources:

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) **\$735,000.00**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Burt Township hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$300,000.00, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment and donation(s) of \$810,000.00 (72.97%) of a total \$1,110,000.00 project cost, during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Roll Call vote taken: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

2016-2017 Budget – Koviak

Assessor Fred Lindroth requested a 6% increase for 2016-2017 plus a mileage budget of \$150.00. He said his training has been paid by other townships in the past.

Zoning Administrator Jim Larson requested a phone line for township business.

Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee salaries will remain the same.

2015-2016 Budget – McDougall

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to amend the 2015-2016 budget:

Increase Assessor Services by \$4,000 and Parks & Recreation by \$1,000

Decrease Legal Services by \$5,000

Transfer \$400 to the Liquor Fund from Contingency.

MOTION APPROVED

Fire Report – Iver Thornberg

Fire Representative Iver Thornberg said the Pellston Fire Dept. had 83 runs for 2015, 14 of which were in Burt Township. The majority of the runs were for down wires due to storms.

Reports –

Planning Commission – Kindsvatter

On January 18, 2016, the Planning Commission approved two zoning amendments for submission to the township board for comment:

- 1) Firepits – Attached

The board suggested that it read “new or reconstructed” fire pits require a zoning permit.

Jim Larson said he is in agreement with the changes.

- 2) Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) – definition of the ordinary high water mark

The Planning Commission sent out a survey to 465 lake property owners regarding the green belt ordinance. Kindsvatter said he has received 80 comments back so far and will bring the information to the March Planning Commission meeting. Hodulik said Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is interested in assisting homeowners with green belts.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Katie Parker

Parker said a setback variance was approved for John Cheney at the February meeting.

Zoning Administrator Report – Larson

Larson said he is getting some calls now.

Supervisor Report - Koviak

Koviak said that PA 269 Campaign finance says that millage renewals cannot be discussed by any township members 60 days prior to an election. MTA is working to have this repealed.

County Commissioner Report - Chris Brown

Chris said he, too, is on board with repeal of PA 269. The county wrote a balanced budget in January. Some officials who have not had salary increases in many years received increases in this budget.

Public Comment – none

Upcoming Meetings:

April 7, 2016 - Public Hearing on the 2016-2017 Budget - 1:30 pm
Board Meeting – 2:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk