

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
March 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on March 7, 2013, at 2:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

**ATTENDANCE:** Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Arthur Pillen, Eugene Hodulik, Elmira Weaver, Deputy Clerk

**ABSENT:** Donna McDougall, Excused

**GUESTS:** Sue and Dennis Budzinski, James Larsen, Fred Lindroth, Linda Socha, Dan Swantek, Carolyn and Iver Thornburg,

**AGENDA:** Koviak

Additions – Line Item Changes in the 2012-2013 Budget  
Transfer of funds from General Fund to Liquor Fund  
Set a date for the Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget  
Fire Report – Iver Thornburg

Deletions – None

**Public Comment on Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:**

- 1) Dennis Budzinski was concerned about road-ends in Burt Township and whether Burt Township will obtain ownership when the Cheboygan County Road Commission releases them. Supervisor Koviak reported he attended a meeting of the Road Commission and expressed interest in obtaining township ownership of the road-ends.
- 2) Several people congratulated Harold Koviak on his appointment as a State Director representing Cheboygan, Emmet and Charlevoix Counties of the Michigan Townships Association.

**Minutes:** January 3, 2013

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of January 3, 2013, as published.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Bills**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Poverty Exemption Guidelines (Board of Review)

Fred Lindroth, assessor, presented new poverty exemptions guidelines for Michigan Assessors from the Michigan State Tax Commission.

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported, by Hodulik, to approve new poverty guidelines for Burt Township to include asset exemption of the homestead for which the exemption is claimed plus ten (10) contiguous acres of property, and one (1) motor vehicle. Additionally, the total current fair market value of the claimant's household assets cannot exceed \$5,000.00.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Burt Township Recreation Plan

Due to changes in notification requirements for the Burt Township Recreation Plan adopted on December 12, 2012, posting of public notice and re-affirmation of the Plan was necessary. A notice was placed in the Cheboygan Tribune on February 28, 2013, announcing possible action on the Plan.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to re-affirm and re-adopt the Burt Township Recreation Plan 2013-2017. (Resolution 1-2013)

Roll Call Vote taken: Hodulik - yes; Pillen – yes; Reimann – yes; Koviak – yes

Absent: McDougall

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Burt Lake Trailhead

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to support a resolution in Support of the Burt Lake Trailhead at the Chaboiganing Nature Preserve and University of Michigan's Colonial Point Preserve located on Brutus Road and to support application for the Recreation Passport Grant Application fund this site. (Resolution 2-2013)

Roll Call Vote taken: Hodulik –yes; Pillen – yes; Reimann – yes; Koviak – yes

Absent: McDougall

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MTA Educational Conference

Koviak reported on the MTA Conference that was attended by Pillen, McDougall and himself in January. There were forums related to various topics and concerns of township boards. The attendees felt it was beneficial for the governing of the township.

Burt Lake Trail

Pillen reported on the progress of the trail and that work will be started in the spring.

Planning Commission

Hodulik reported on the approval for recovering attorney fees when incurred while processing violations of the Burt Township Ordinance. The Planning Commission extended the DNR Permit for the Maple Bay Improvement project. The boat launch will be closed in the spring until mid-July while work is in progress. Hodulik also reported that a township survey will be conducted this year.

Up North Prevention

The Up North Prevention group requested Burt Township to approve a resolution to better control and prevent the supplying of alcohol to minors.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to support the resolution. (Resolution 3-2013)

**MOTION APPROVED**

Pellston Fire Department

Iver Thornburg presented a list of fire calls made to Burt Township for the period from January 2012 to October 2012. He also reported that they are training youth in the area to be future firefighters.

2012-2013 Budget

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to make the following changes:

Increase – Deputy Clerk from \$1,500 to \$2,500

Increase – Election from \$2,000 to \$4,000

Decrease - Planning & Zoning from \$40,000 to \$37,000

Increase – Township Hall from \$35,000 to \$41,000

Decrease – Public Improvement from \$5,000 to \$2,000

Decrease Sanitation from \$50,000 to \$47,000

Increase MTA Convention from \$4,000 to \$4,300

Decrease Township Board from \$4,500 to \$4,200

Increase Cemetery from \$6,000 to \$6,060

Decrease Insurance from \$6,000 to \$5,040

**MOTION APPROVED**

Liquor Fund

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to transfer \$400 from the General Fund to the Liquor Fund.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to hold a Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget on April 4, 2013, at 1:30 PM.

**MOTION APPROVED**

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elmira Weaver, Deputy Clerk

