BURT TOWNSHIP Board Meeting April 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on April 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

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

Absent: Arthur Pillen

Guests: James Larson, Charles Strachan, Scott Reimann, Dan Swantek

Agenda – Harold Koviak

Additions to Agenda:

New business: Topinabee Fire Chief was scheduled to report but did not come to the meeting.

New business: Zoning Administrator Report

Public Comment – none

Minutes:

Discussion: Mr. Larson said his statement regarding the Master Plan was inaccurate and should have read, "the survey did not reflect the views of all residents."

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to accept the minutes of March 4, 2010, as amended.

APPROVED

Public Hearing Minutes – 3/4/2010

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 4, 2010, as published.

APPROVED

Bills:

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to pay the bills totaling \$9,248.08.

APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS:

Board of Review Update - Koviak

The taxable value went down on assessments .03% but assessed values went down 10 percent or \$20 million. Very few residents came to appeal their assessments this year.

Treasurer Reimann noted she collected 95.6% of the winter property taxes and 97.56% of the summer property taxes. This is the highest collection percentage for Cheboygan County.

NEW BUSINESS

MTA Meeting for March – no attendees from Burt Township

Burt Lake Trail

The MDOT grant application for the Burt Lake Trail requires a resolution regarding the upkeep of the trail.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by McDougall to support the attached Resolution for Maintenance of Trail as presented.

Discussion: none

Roll call vote: Koviak – yes; Reimann – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Petition for Abandonment of Birchwood Road

Koviak presented a request from Scott Reimann to abandon Birchwood Road between South Extension Road and I-75 with the exception of the easterly 100 feet for a turnaround. Mr. Reimann is a co-owner along with Ed Reimann and Kelton VanHollebeke. This property is a seasonal road and being used by non owners for the trash dumping. Mr. Reimann would like to put a gate across the road to discourage the dumping. There are no homes along this road. **MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by McDougall to support a resolution to abandon Birchwood Road between South Extension Road and I-75 with the exception of the easterly 100 feet for a turnaround as requested by Scott Reimann and other co-owners.

Roll call vote taken: Koviak – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes: Reimann -abstain

MOTION APPROVED

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Zoning Administrator Report

Dan Swantek reported there are a couple of properties that need to be cleaned up and he will be visiting the owners. Cheboygan County as enacted an ordinance on issuing civil violations which goes into effect in 30 days, and Dan will find out if Burt Township is part of that or if the township needs to pass an ordinance, too. Koviak suggested he check with the township attorney.

Swantek said he is also checking into changing his phone line from AT&T to Verizon high speed internet.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk