

**BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
April 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on April 3, 2014, at 2:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Donna McDougall

ABSENT: Eugene Hodulik, Arthur Pillen

GUESTS: Martha Cheney, Michael Brendly, Jim Larson, Russ Elmhirst, Linda Socha

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Additions - None; Deletions – None

Public Comments:

Russ Elmhirst asked if he could rope off the road end at Needles Road to stop vehicles from going down to the lake due to the mud. Koviak said that would be fine.

Consent Agenda Items

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Reimann to approve the Board Minutes of March 6, 2014 and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed 2014-2015 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by McDougall, to approve the proposed 2014-2015 Budget as presented. Revenues expected in the General Fund are estimated to be \$777,089.18 and expenditures are expected to be \$363,500.00, and revenue for the Liquor Fund are expected to be \$844.74 and expenditures are expected to be \$784.00.

Roll Call vote taken: Reimann – yes, McDougall – yes, Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

DNR Recreational Passport Grant Program – Koviak

The Little Traverse Conservancy along with Emily Meyerson prepared a grant application to make a trailhead for the Burt Lake Trail at the parking lot at the intersection of Mundt Road and Brutus Road. The trailhead will be constructed on conservancy property. The grant application is for \$14,900, 75% which will be paid for by the grant and 25% by the township. The conservancy is giving in-kind donations. The paved trailhead will accommodate 12 vehicles and bus parking. There will be no toilet facilities. The trailhead will be constructed this summer.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Reimann to accept the terms of Agreement from the DNR for the Recreational Passport Grant for a trailhead on the conservancy property.

Roll Call Vote Taken: Reimann – yes, McDougall – yes, Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – None

Planning Commission – Koviak

A Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance will be held immediately prior to the Planning Commission meeting on May 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

Next ZBA meeting will be held on April 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Zoning Administrator Report – Jim Larson

No report

Supervisor Report – Koviak

Burt Township hosted the MTA meeting on March 27th . Approximately 40 people attended.

The main discussion was the Great Up North campaign (GUN).

The Road Commission will put a millage request on the August ballot. Also a senior citizen renewal request will be on the ballot.

Commissioner's Report – Linda Socha

Commissioner Socha reported that the County has a solid fund balance. Projects this year include renovation to the District Health Dept., and parking for the jail and steps will be completed. She attended drug training where she learned that heroin, methamphetamine and cocaine use is prevalent in the northern counties. She cautioned those who pick up trash to be careful about picking up bottles that have a cloudy look to them and for trash that includes “Sudafed” type products. Anyone who finds trash like that should call 911.

Public Comment:

Russ Elmhirst suggested that toilet facilities be installed at the trailhead.

Mike Brendly asked about pedestrian signs on Eagles Nest. Koviak will look into this.

Next Board Meeting: May 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming meetings:

Zoning Board of Appeals – April 25, 2014 – 7:00 pm

Board Meeting – May 1, 2014 – 7:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk