

**BURT TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
April 7, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on April 7, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

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

Absent: Art Pillen

Guests: Iver Thornburg, David Orr, Russ Elmhirst, James Larson, Bob English, Brian Coffey

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

Recycling – Gene Hodulik

Fire Report –Iver Thornburg

Deletions: none

Public Comments - none

Minutes: March 3, 2011

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of March 3, 2011, as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills:

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve payment of the bills totaling: \$59,134.35

Old Business: None

Dave Orr - Citizens Indoor Swimming Pool Committee

Dave Orr returned to answer questioned posed by the Board at the March 3, 2011 meeting.

Which townships are being asked to participate? Mr. Orr previously said that about 85% of the townships would be asked to participate. Now, however, all townships will be approached for support of the pool.

If Burt Township opts out, will the millage request still be on the ballot? Mr. Orr said that if a township opts not to participate, the millage will not be on the ballot for the township residents. However, if a township agrees to participate and the millage request is on the ballot, then the township will be liable for the millage even if it doesn't pass in that particular township.

The costs to build the pool are expected to be \$7 million, yearly operational costs to be \$630,000, revenue \$340,000, and the balance to be paid by the millage generating \$950,000 based on 1 mils and participation of all townships. Life of the millage could be 20 years with financing of the pool for the same time period. If a township participates, residents will be charged a reduced fee to swim.

The Committee would like an answer from the townships in early June. Contact Dave Orr 231-420-5835 for further information.

Burt Township v Jim Parker - Koviak

Judge Pavlich signed a Default Judgment for Jim Parker on March 28, 2011, as Parker failed to attend the Hearing. He is ordered to clean up and remove all “junk” on this property at 10340 Brutus Road no later than April 30, 2011. If he does not comply by that date, the Township is granted the right to clean up and remove the “junk” and place a lien on the property and add the costs to his taxes.

James Larson asked if Parker is paying his taxes. Reimann said he has not paid through her and may be paying to directly to the County.

New Business

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented.

Roll call vote taken:

Koviak – yes; Reimann – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Pillen – excused absent

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution for Non Motorized Path

Emily Meyerson is working on a grant proposal to MDOT for funds for the Burt Lake Trail. Funds from MDOT must go through the County so Emily and the Cheboygan Road Commission has prepared the Enhancement Funding Agreement for the Burt Lake Non-Motorized Path for Burt Township to adopt allowing the Road Commission to accept funding on the Township’s behalf. The Road Commission will also need to sign this agreement, and Koviak said that may have been done today.

Hodulik noted that not all roads are defined on the agreement, ie, where is Mullett-Burt Road? Koviak said that will be a separate grant; this application may only get as far as E. Burt Lake Road.

Emily Meyerson is being paid by a gift from an anonymous donor for her work on this grant application.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by McDougall, to accept the Cheboygan County Road Commission and Burt Township Enhancement Funding Agreement for Burt Lake Non-Motorized Path and the Burt Township/Road Commission Resolution of Agreement for Burt Lake Non-Motorized Pathway. (**resolution #2**)

MOTION APPROVED

MTA – Koviak

Koviak and Pillen attended the March MTA meeting. There was no planned presentation and attendees introduced themselves and gave information on each township.

Township Hall - Koviak

Landscaping – Leo and Virginia Chenevere, in completing their Master Gardener course must do some community service project and have volunteered to do some landscaping at the Hall. The township will purchase shrubs, compost, etc., to fix up the yard. McDougall noted that the access ramp needs to be redesigned and should be taken into consideration when positioning the shrubs.

Signage – A sign is needed at the Hall and also for the corner of Birchwood and Cump Roads. Koviak will research the year the township was established and check out designs for the sign.

Well – Koviak will publish ads for bids for a 6” well in the Straitsland Resorter and Cheboygan Tribune.

Insulation – Bids are needed for insulating the walls and ceiling of the Hall.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to request bids for a new 6” well by May 2011 and insulation for the walls and ceiling by June 2011.

MOTION APPROVED

Road Projects - Koviak

Repairs:

1. Cheboygan County Road Commission submitted an estimate in the amount of \$48,321.70 to: Reconstruct South Extension Road to include but not limited to: widening, aggregate base, drainage correction for South Extension Road from Numbers Road north approximately 1332 feet.

This project will be joint with Mullett Township. The final amount may legally be as much as 10 percent higher than the estimate. Burt Township’s cost will be approximately \$24,160.85.

2. Estimate from the Road Commission in the amount of \$59,742.66 to reconstruct S. Extension Road 1106 feet north of Ranch Road. This is a joint project with Mullett Township and the cost would be approximately \$30,000 for each township. This project would complete the road from Ranch to Numbers Road which is now a two track.

3. S. Extension Road between Mullett Burt Road and Topinabee Mail Route Road needs gravel at a cost of approximately \$2,500.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to make road repairs to South Extension Road as discussed.

MOTION APPROVED

Paving:

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by McDougall, to request estimates from the Road Commission to pave Service Road and W. Numbers Road on the East side and Mundt Road on the West side.

MOTION APPROVED

Assessor – Koviak

Denise Babbitt is no longer working with Fred Lindroth on township assessing.

Workers' Compensation

MTA is offering Workers' Compensation insurance. Burt Township will get a bid to compare with our current carrier.

Fire Report – Iver Thornburg

Iver submitted the 2010 fire report from Pellston. 29 runs were made to Burt Township residents, mostly due to downed wires. Koviak said a reminder to residents to keep their trees trimmed will go in this summer's tax letter.

Recycling – Hodulik

Partitions have been taken out of the bins. New signs for plastic, bottles, tin, etc, will be put on later this week.

Next meeting May 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

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

MOTION ACCEPTED

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk