

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
April 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on April 7, 2016 at 2:01 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Harold Koviak, Eugene Hodulik, Shirley Reimann, Donna McDougall
Absent: Art Pillen, Excused

GUESTS: David Hutto, Russ Elmhirst, Jim Larson, Gary Street, Linda Steenstra, David Steenstra, Nick Bodette

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – None

Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by McDougall to add the following:

- 1) Cheboygan County Humane Society
- 2) Millages – Fire, Road, and Operating millages

MOTION APPROVED

Consent Agenda: Minutes and bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of March 3, 2016 as presented and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business:

2016-2017 Budget - Koviak

Koviak asked if there was any further comment on the proposed 2016-2017 budget.

Russ Elmhirst asked if election inspectors and the constable were paid by the township. Koviak said there is a line item for the elections and the constable is paid by the State through the Liquor Fund.

McDougall read the 2016-2017 Budget resolution as presented:

**BURT TOWNSHIP
2016-2017
BUDGET RESOLUTION
Resolution #1-2016**

Whereas anticipated revenues of Burt Township of the fiscal year 2016-2017 including millage, State, miscellaneous and other revenue will be \$1,117,885.71 in the General fund and \$846.88 in the Liquor Fund and expenditures will be \$442,800 in the General fund and \$784.00 in the Liquor Fund.

Whereas a budget has been prepared for the expenditures, distribution, and allocation of such revenues during the next year,

Whereas the Township Board is now satisfied that the budget prepared is reasonable and in the best interest of the Township, now, therefore to govern the expenditures of the Township,

Be it therefore resolved that it is the expressed interest of the Township Board that is budget be adopted and managed by individual accounts.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik supported by Reimann to approve the 2016-2017 proposed budget.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Clerk McDougall declared the Motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

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Roads - Koviak

Koviak said the Cheboygan County Road Commission will be painting primary roads this year and wants to know if Burt Township wants to contract for painting on township roads. Koviak asked Dave Hutto if Chickagami Trail needs lines painted, and Hutto said that it does need to be painted. Russ Elmhirst will check to see if Eagles Nest needs paint. Koviak said Crump and Indian Roads both need to be done, as well.

Koviak said he will drive some of the roads to see what roads need crack sealing. Cedar Drive needs it and Elmhirst said Needles needs it, but the pavement by his house needs patching.

Hodulik said he will drive some of the roads, too. Koviak needs the list of roads by the end of April for the Road Commission.

Painting, crack sealing and crush rock, chip seal is paid by township – patch is paid by county.

Enbridge Pipeline – Koviak

Koviak said 12 counties have prepared resolutions in favor of limiting the Enbridge Pipeline as of March 25th. Gary Street said as of right now, the number is closer to 30 cities and townships. Street would like to give a presentation at the township hall at the next board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik to table this discussion until the May 5, 2016 board meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

Cheboygan County Humane Society - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by McDougall to contract with the Cheboygan County Humane Society for 2016-2017 for animal control services in the amount of \$1,500.00.

MOTION APPROVED

Millage Proposals – Koviak

Township attorney Tim McArthur attended the meeting to assist in preparation of resolutions for the Operating, Fire and Road renewal millages for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election.

The .5mills requested will be for years 2012-2019 inclusive. The assessor will need to supply the amounts to be generated for the propositions. McArthur said he will get the information from Fred Lindroth.

Koviak said a stay has been placed on PA 269 and now factual information regarding the millages can be placed in the summer newsletter to residents.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve resolutions to place the above three millage renewal propositions (Operating, Fire, Roads) on the ballot for the Primary Election on August 2, 2016.

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

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Reports

Burt Lake Trail - Hodulik

Hodulik said the grant has been sent to the MNRTF for Phase 2 of the Burt Lake Trail. The MDOT grant needs to be completed before the May deadline. Letters of support were received from Munro Township, Peter Pettalia and Chatfield. He met with Wayne Schmidt who said he would provide a letter of support but it has not yet been received.

Hodulik said maintenance is needed on the west side of the trail from Indian Road north going down the hill. Blacktop between the road and trail is needed as the gravel keeps washing out and can present a hazard to bikeriders and motorists. Street has three bids ranging from \$7,500 to \$8,500. Discussion was made at the Trail meeting as to who should pay for the repairs. The trail fund has \$49,669.32 remaining after paying off NDG for consult, and Hodulik said he feels it should go to new construction.

Koviak asked if the township is allowed to pave the shoulder, and Street said he talked to Brent who said it was ok to do so.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to allot \$8,000 to pave the section of trail needing repair, \$900 for spraying for weeds, \$500 for additional crush limestone and \$300 for rental of leaf sweepers for trail maintenance.

MOTION APPROVED

Planning Commission - Hodulik

A Public Hearing will be held on May 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm to take comment on 3 issues – firepits, highwater mark and updating number of copies needed for site plans, special use permits and zoning board of appeals. The regular meeting of the Planning Commission begins at 7:00 pm and Dr. Grenette Thomassy from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council will be coming to give a presentation on the Septic and Water quality inspection at sale and transfer. The Planning Commission is also currently discussing vegetation strips.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Larson

Two items for the April 29, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

- 1) James L. and Donna Coles, 6465 Needles Rd., Indian River, MI request a variance for a second accessory structure, a 12' x 24' tent (288 ft²) to be used firewood storage.
- 2) Chris Potoski/ CFO Tracey Jordan Properties, 4501 New Bern, Suite 130-244, Raleigh, NC 27610, requests a dimensional variance to construct a covered porch on the street side of a Burt Lake vacation home at 3753 White Goose Drive, Cheboygan, MI 49721.

Larson has had phone calls but nothing now

Supervisor Report - Koviak

- Koviak said he received the signed contract back from the DNR authorizing snowplowing at Maple Bay through November 30, 2018.
- Koviak showed a map with MDOT repairs slated for this summer – includes Maple River bridge on Brutus Road, I-75 closings at Indian River and M-33.
- The DNR property on W. Burt Lake Rd. will be auctioned on the internet on June 21, 2016. Minimum bid for each parcel is \$230,000.

Public comment

Hutto said a Burt Lake Watershed Advisory Committee is being formed made up of mostly state organizational people such as the DNR but they also wants public input to put together a grant proposal. Their next meeting is June 16th at Tuscarora Township Hall. Also, the DNR is holding a meeting on April 18th at the Tuscarora Township Hall regarding stocking fish in Mullet and Burt Lakes.

Larson wanted to know how the Burt Lake Trail will be maintained in Munro Township and if it is legal for Burt Township to supply money and labor. McArthur said the township can enter into a contract if there is a public benefit to do so.

Elmhirst asked if this issue can be put on a ballot. McArthur said it is not a ballot issue but the responsibility of a board.

Elmhirst said the public access at Needles goes across his property and who is liable if tree falls on his property. Koviak said it would be the property owner's liability.

Next meeting is May 5, 2016 at 7 pm.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk