

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
May 1, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on May 1, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Arthur Pillen, Eugene Hodulik, Donna McDougall

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jim Larson, Chris Kindsvatter, Iver Thornburg

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Additions –

Unfinished Business: Cheboygan County Humane Society

New Business: Audit for year ending March 31, 2014

Foreclosure property

Pellston Fire Dept. Report

Bid for Burt Lake Trail

Deletions: None

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to accept the Agenda items.

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment – None

Consent Agenda Items:

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Reimann to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2014, the Minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Budget, and payment of the Bills.

APPROVED

Unfinished Business

Policies and Procedures – Pillen

Pillen emailed a draft policy and procedure manual for review. Board members will review for discussion at June meeting.

Cheboygan County Humane Society – McDougall

Last year Burt Township contracted with the Humane Society for animal control in the amount of \$1,500.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to contract with the Cheboygan County Humane Society for 2014-2015 for animal control in the amount of \$1,500.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business

Audit for Year Ending March 31, 2014 – McDougall

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to contract with Nieland & Kosanke for audit at a cost of \$4,050.00 for year ending March 31, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

Cheboygan Treasurer – Foreclosure Properties – Koviak

The Ethel St. Peter property, 3026 Topinabee Mail Rte. Road, is available for acquisition by the township for \$589.06 with an assessed value of \$800. The property must be used for public use.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik not to pursue the purchase of the property at 3026 Topinabee Mail Rte. Rd.

MOTION APPROVED

West Side Pellston Fire Report – Iver Thornburg

Iver Thornburg reported that Burt Township had 13 incidents for 2013 and no house fires. He cautioned to be careful burning brush and rubbish this spring.

Burt Lake Trail – Koviak

No minutes have been received yet for the Trail/NEMCOG meeting held in January.

Gary Street is in charge of a volunteer group for trail maintenance. He also volunteered to chair a trail committee for the trail from Hogsback Rd. to E. Burt Lake Rd.

The harsh winter has caused washout damage to the trail. Koviak is working to C2AE to have corrections paid by a DNR grant. Three bids are needed. A new culvert will be constructed at Hardwood Rd.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to accept Indian River Contractor's bid in the amount of \$225/mile to grade the Burt Lake Trail.

MOTION APPROVED

Planning Commission – Hodulik

Three public hearings on the proposed changes to the Burt Lake Zoning Ordinance will be held prior to the Planning Commission meeting on May 19, 2014. The Planning Commission will be working on the Master Plan this year.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

The April ZBA approved the Morrow's appeal on Nippising Trail.

The next meeting is on May 23, 2014.

Zoning Administrator Report – Larson

- The DNR wants to split the property on West Burt Lake Rd. into three parcels before they sell it.
- Larson said he is getting requests for pole barns and lot splits.

- Larson discussed the Gary Quick house that burned. He will check with the county to see if the taxes have been paid and also send Quick another letter along with a copy of the zoning ordinance.
- Jim Parker has an unregistered boat on his property. Larson will send a letter to him.

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- Spring Clean Up Day – June 14, 2014 – 9am to 4 pm at the East Side Transfer Station. A contract has been signed with PAC Sanitation for the clean up.
- Indian River Contractor's inspected the boat ramp at Hoppies and said no repairs are needed.
- MTA on the Road – meeting will be held in St. Ignace and Gaylord
- Road brining – Team Services is no longer working in this area. Koviak will look for another contractor for road brining. The price of brine has gone up. Roads will be brined by July 4th.
- Mike Brendly asked about pedestrian signs at the last meeting. The Road Commission told Koviak pedestrian signed are not allowed.

Public Comment - None

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Commission – May 19, 2014 – 7:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals – May 23, 2014 – 7:00 pm

Board Meeting – June 5, 2014 – 7:00 pm.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik supported by Pillen to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk