

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
May 2, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on May 2, 2013, 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: James Larsen, Dan Swantek, Carolyn and Iver Thornburg

AGENDA: Koviak

Additions:

New Business –
Fire Report

Public Comments on Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

Minutes – April 4, 2013

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget and Regular Meeting of April 4, 2013 as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills:

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

Old Business – None

New Business:

Burt Lake Trail – Koviak

The Burt Lake Trail received two separate grants, one from MDOT and the other from Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (DNR). The MDOT grant will flow through the Cheboygan County Road Commission. M&M Contracting has been selected as the construction contractor. They will submit bills to C2AE who will review the bills and forward them to MDOT. MDOT will pay the contractor **the entire amount** and send a bill for 40% of the bill to the Road Commission for reimbursement. The Road Commission will pass the bill to the Burt Township Board. The Township Board will pay the 40% to the Road Commission who will then pay MDOT.

The second grant from MNRTF will pay the remaining 40% of the bills. Bill Kanine, CPA, will assist the Township board in completing forms and paperwork necessary to receive payments. The entire process for township funds will be approximately 30-60 days.

As the bids for the construction came in lower than expected, there may be some left over grant money. Hodulik asked what will happen with the left over money. Koviak said he believes it will be available for use within a certain time limit.

Approximately \$59,000 is being held at the Top of Michigan Trails Council from pledges made to the Burt Lake Trail. Trail construction begins May 13 with a ground-breaking ceremony at 1:00 pm at the Little Traverse Conservancy parking lot on Brutus Road.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to request \$25,000 from Top of Michigan Trails Council for initial deposit in a checking account at Citizens National Bank for financing the Burt Lake Trail construction. All construction costs will flow through this special checking account.

Discussion – None

Roll Call Vote: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Service Road - Koviak

The Cheboygan County Road Commission submitted a proposal to pave Service Road in the amount of \$159,649.90 with completion in November 2013. Reimann said the Road Account currently has \$156,113.16 and another \$2,500 is expected in June or July.

MOTION: Moved Hodulik, supported by Pillen to accept the Cheboygan County Road Commission's bid of \$159,649.90 to pave Service Road.

MOTION APPROVED

A note will accompany the signed agreement to begin the work as soon as possible.

Maple Bay Boat Launch - Koviak

Maple Bay project will start May 6, 2013. The DNR hopes the project will be done by July 4, and will try to keep part of ramp open for use by boaters.

West Burt Lake Road Property - Koviak

Keith Cheli is interested in discussions to make this DNR property a day park for swimming and picnics at no cost to Burt Township. It will not include a boat launch. Koviak will meet with BLPA and the DNR to talk about a possible agreement.

Supervisor's Report - Koviak

- 1) Pellston School Millage Renewal election – May 7th at Burt Township Hall will and include part of Munro and Hebron Townships as well as Burt Township
- 2) Road Commission – 2012 Annual Report for review
- 3) Road-ends will be discussed at next Road Commission meeting. Burt Township has 11 road-ends. The Poxson Road road-end is still in negotiation

MTA - Koviak

Spring Regional Meetings are being held June 6th in St. Ignace and June 7th in Gaylord. Please let the Clerk know if interested in going. Early registration is due by May 22nd.

Cheboygan MTA – Reimann

Reimann attended the Cheboygan MTA meeting. Sheriff Dale Clarmont and Rep. Peter Pettalia were the speakers.

Township Hall Parking Lot – Koviak

Koviak will call NDG to have another coat of asphalt applied per agreement.

Correspondence

In response to letters sent to state and federal officials requesting additional road funding, State Senator Howard Walker sent the only response. He has introduced legislation requesting an additional one cent increase in sales tax with a corresponding elimination of the .19 cent gas tax and the .15 cent diesel tax to fund the roads. Koviak noted that at the recent state MTA meeting it was reported that there are 14 different proposals for road funding.

Libraries - Hodulik

Last year an Indian River Library Commission member and the Librarian came to the Board meeting noting that 300 residents are able to use the library and requesting approximately \$20,000 in funds from Burt Township. Hodulik recently visited the Topinabee Library and reviewed their guest book. About 340 residents are able to use that library, also. (Burt Township has given the Topinabee Library a grant for \$1,000 for the past two years.) The Planning Commission is putting together a survey to be sent to residents this fall. On this survey they will include questions about library use.

Spring Clean Up Day - Koviak

Spring Clean Up Day is June 15, 2013, from 9 am to 4 pm at the West Side Transfer Station, Indian Road. A contract has been signed with PAC Sanitation.

Township Roads – Koviak

Koviak and Hodulik distributed the list of roads for future use. Koviak reminded the Road Commission that Mullett-Burt Road is in really bad shape and that the Township is still waiting for a bid for seal cracks.

Fire Report – Iver Thornburg

Iver Thornburg reported 18 incidents in Burt Township during 2012, the majority of which were down power lines due to storms and malfunctioning alarm systems.

Cable Company - Koviak

Koviak is receiving many calls regarding the old cable wire left from ACM Cable company. He will call Tim MacArthur and see what can be done to remove the old wire.

Public Comment – None

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk
Burt Township