

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MINUTES  
May 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on May 7, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

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

**GUESTS:** Mike Brendly, Russ Elmhirst, Jim Larson, Fred Lindroth, Connie & Steve Vorenkamp

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to add the following items to the agenda:

New Business:

- Fred Lindroth, Burt Township Assessor
- Newsletter
- PNC Bank

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Public Comment –**

Russ Elmhirst asked who maintains **Needles Road from Eagles Nest to Service Rd.** and said he would like it changed from a seasonal road and **graded**. Koviak said he will check with the Road Commission.

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the minutes of April 2, 2015 Regular meeting and the April 2, 2015 Public Hearing on the Budget as presented and payment of the bills.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Unfinished Business**

Board Policy Manual – Koviak

Mary Campbell sent new drafts of the proposed policy manual for review with suggestions from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The board will review and re-evaluate at the June meeting.

Natural Gas – Koviak

DTE held a meeting at the Burt Township hall yesterday to outline their plan for providing natural gas to residents on the west side of Burt Lake. They plan to bring it from the Pellston station down Riggsville Rd. to W. Burt Lake Rd. and will have it in place by November.

Assessor – Lindroth

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve purchase of new tax assessing computer tax software from BS&A at a cost of \$7,000.00.

**MOTION APPROVED**

PNC and Citizen's Bank – McDougall

Shirley met with Joanna Rautio, Manager at PNC Bank, who said that McDougall had not completed the signature cards to be a check signer for Burt Township.

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to re-approve signer privileges for McDougall for Burt Township on the PNC and Citizen's bank accounts.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Summer Newsletter – Koviak

Suggestions for the Summer Newsletter to be included with the tax bills:

- Completion of the Trail Head
- Update on the Trail
- DTE natural gas
- Crack sealing and tar and chipping projects

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

Next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>. The committee is getting ready to meeting with UofM in June to discuss alternate routes for the north end. The trail head is complete and bills will be submitted for the grant.

Planning Commission – Hodulik

Next meeting is May 18. The ordinance will be reviewed for outdated information.

Steve Vorenkamp asked if an ordinance can be enacted to keep delivery and work trucks off the trail. Larson said this is not applicable to zoning. Koviak said to call the sheriff's office to make complaints.

ZBA – Koviak

Next meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. One appeal is on the agenda and almost done with private lake access re-licensing.

Correspondence – Koviak

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to receive and file the following:

- Road Commission Annual Report dated 12/31/2014
- Cheboygan County MTA minutes dated 3/26/2015
- Signed MNRTF Development Project Agreement Amendment #3

**MOTION APPROVED**

Supervisor Report – Koviak

A joint Cheboygan/Emmet County MTA meeting was held at Boyne Highlands. The meeting was well-attended. Larry Merrill and Judy Allen were the speakers.

**Public Comment**

Russ Elmhirst asked if a sign can be put up at the Needles Road access stating “ No Public Access”. Koviak told him no. Elmhirst said due to the excessive muck at the access the trees are dying. Koviak said this is a road commission problem.

Next Board meeting: June 4, 2015, 7:00 pm

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk