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**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
June 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on June 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

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

Absent: None

GUESTS: Chris Brown, Russ Elmhirst, Linda Steenstra, David Steenstra, Katie Parker, Jim Larson, Dave Patterson, Jill Patterson, Lori Kindsvatter, Nora Stanbury, Dave Hutto, Patricia Becker, Drew Becker

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment –

Russ Elmhirst asked if markers for the cemetery were ready yet. Koviak said he checked on this today and they are not ready.

Dave Patterson asked if comments may be made during the meeting. Koviak said yes.

Consent Agenda- Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 board meeting as presented and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Township Newsletter – Pillen

Pillen distributed copies of the newsletter to be inserted in the summer tax bills. Koviak will make copies and deliver them to Reimann.

Annual Spring Clean Up Day – Koviak

Annual Clean Up Day is June 18, 2016 at the East Side Transfer Station on Crump Rd., from 9 am to 4 pm. Flyers are being distributed at both transfer stations.

Sponsors are BLPA and Michigan DEQ Scrap Tire Clean Up program. Koviak will try to get help to assist residents in unloading. Dave Patterson said he will get volunteers from BLPA to help.

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

The issue for paying for trail maintenance has been discussed at recent Trail meetings.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen to establish a yearly Trail Maintenance Account in the general fund budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 beginning with the 2017-2018 budget.

Discussion: Hodulik said it should begin with this year's budget. Pillen said he agreed and said he would like to amend his motion.

Hodulik said he and Pillen attended a trail meeting in Cheboygan last year and Benton Township has already set up a trail maintenance account.

Hodulik said Emily Meyerson said Emmet County paid \$9,800 for 14 miles of maintenance on their paved trail (work performed by Road Commission). The cost for maintaining a crushed stone trail is \$765/mile.

Patterson said he talked with the director of grants for the DNR and was told they do not have grants for maintaining trails.

Pillen withdrew his Motion.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen, to create a capital improvement fund for trail maintenance from the general fund beginning with the 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$10,000 per year and also using any leftover funds from the budgeted Parks and Recreation line item for this fund.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Trail Report

Next meeting is June 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Planning Commission – Koviak

Chair Chris Kindsvatter was unable to attend the meeting but emailed the following information:

- Planning Commission approved three public hearings items to be forwarded to Cheboygan County for review before going to the board for consideration: 1) Number of copies for site plan reviews; 2) fire pit seating area; and 3) high water mark definition
- Great presentation by Dr. Thomassy of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council on septic and well inspections
- Continued discussion on vegetation strip concerns on enforcement and wording
- Irregular shaped lot proposals to be redrafted by Randy Frykberg
- Report on realtor signs too close to the road

Next meeting is July 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm

ZBA – Katie Parker

The ZBA met on May 20th and heard and approved three requests for dimensional variances:

- James Petcoff, 1604 Indian Point Rd., Brutus MI 49716
- David Chapman, 3801 Greenman's Point Rd., Cheboygan, MI 49721
- Cleo and Beth Franco, 849 Stratford Lane, Indian River, MI 49749

The ZBA also discussed problems when variance applicants do not stake areas to be inspected. Chris Brown said it is required by the County or the variance request would not be heard. Next meeting July 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

Larson said not much building is going on but he has had a lot of questions.

Supervisor's Report - Koviak

Koviak said he talked to Brent Shank from the Road Commission. They will not be able to crack seal Cedar Drive, Cedar Point Dr., or Deerfield Lane as the roads are in too bad of shape. They will duropatch them instead at the expense of the County and the township will save \$2,240.

Correspondence - Koviak

- Cheboygan County Chapter MTA minutes –April 28, 2016
- Cheboygan County Road Commission minutes: April 21, 2016 and May 5, 2016
- NEMCOG letter dated April 29, 2016
- Emmet County Road Commission letter dated April 27, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to accept the correspondence and place on file.

MOTION APPROVED

County Commissioner's Report – Chris Brown

Tri-County 911 recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Cheboygan/Charlevoix/Emmet 911 is one of the premier emergency services in the state. Upgrades will soon allow individuals to text to 911.

Public Comment

Russ Elmhirst said he talked to the Road Commission about fixing the ditches Stratford Lane. He also asked Koviak if he may cut down a tree in the road at the cemetery because people are parking on graves. Koviak said he should go ahead and cut down the tree.

Nora Stanbury asked what is the purpose of the Cheboygan County Humane Society. Chris Brown said it is for animal control. She asked who pays for it. Koviak said each government entity contracts with the Human Society. She said Cheboygan County Humane Society kills more animals than any other Humane Society and she does not like that. Chris Brown said he will check on it.

Next meeting – July 7, 2016, 7:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Donna McDougall, Clerk

