

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on June 6, 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: Stuart Cheney, James Larsen, Dave Patterson, Dan Swantek

AGENDA: Koviak

Additions:

New Business –

- 1) Road Commission Meeting – Art Pillen
- 2) Newsletter – Gene Hodulik
- 3) Zoning Administrator Report – Dan Swantek
- 4) MTA Principles of Governance – Harold Koviak

Public Comments on Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

Minutes – May 2, 2013

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of May 2, 2013 with the following correction: Under Burt Lake Trail – correct to read: MDOT will pay the contractor **the entire amount** and send a bill for 40% of the bill to the Road Commission for reimbursement.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Spring Clean Up Day – June 15, 2013 – Koviak

BLPA supported the Annual Spring Clean Up Day in the amount of \$1,000, and the application for the Scrap Tire Grant from the MDNR has been approved in the amount of \$1.25 per tire collected.

As in the past Koviak will hire 2-3 workers and volunteers are being sought to help.

NEW BUSINESS

Burt-Mullet Cemetery – Koviak and Reimann

Three pieces of property were donated by Mr. Weatherhead and need to be surveyed as well as the rest of the cemetery and a road laid out for future use. This will exceed the budgeted amount of \$6,000.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to increase the budget line item for Cemetery from \$6,000 to \$7,100 and decrease Township Board from \$10,000 to \$9,450 and Legal and Professional Services from \$20,000 to \$19,450.

MOTION APPROVED

Planning Commission – Gene Hodulik

The Planning Commission modified the survey questions to be sent out in September which will help with the Master Plan in 2014. They are also working on a new sign ordinance.

DNR Property on West Burt Lake Road – Koviak

In an effort to manage land ownership the DNR plans to initiate review of unconsolidated properties for potential disposal, one of which is located on W. Burt Lake Road in Burt Township. Local units of government are invited to give input and receive the first option to acquire such properties.

Koviak stated that the Burt Township Board is here to make the township a better place for all residents and would like to talk to the DNR regarding the possible divestiture of this unconsolidated property.

Public Comments:

- 1) Dave Patterson, Community Affairs for Burt Lake Preservation Assoc., stated that the BLPA does not support this process and that the property should be sold to and put back on the tax rolls.
- 2) Stuart Cheney feels this action would put the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance in jeopardy as it is a flip of position.
- 3) Patterson asked if the township had resources to support a park. Koviak said grant funds could be applied for recreational purposes.

Koviak stated that this is just at a discussion stage and the board would not be doing due diligence for all residents if it did not participate in this discussion. The Master Plan as well as the Recreation Plan calls for public access to Burt Lake so all options must be considered.

Koviak said he appreciated all comments.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to adopt the attached resolution whereby:

The Township Board of Trustees of Burt Township, Michigan, hereby requests the State of Michigan , Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division to immediately postpone or stop the current land divestiture process pertaining to the above described lands; and

That the Township Board of Trustees of Burt township, Michigan, formally expresses its interest in entering into negotiations with State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division, in order to acquire title to the above described real property for public recreation or related purposes; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Township Board of Trustees of Burt Township, Michigan, hereby directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State of Michigan, Department of natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division, to evidence its interest of pursuing the acquisition of title to the above described real property for public recreation or related purposes.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- 1) An accident occurred last week on S. Extension Rd. possibly due, in part, by a “hump” in the road. Burt Township may need to collaborate with Mullett Township to level the road.
- 2) David Sackett, Indian River Library, notified Burt Township via letter dated May 24, 2013, of “termination of the Library Services Penal Fine Contract between Indian River Library and Burt Township, Michigan,” effective June 30, 2013. McDougall will follow up per Hodulik’s question as to where Burt Township’s penal fines will now go.
- 3) Cheboygan History Center has invited Burt Township to participate in sponsoring the “Puddingstones of Cheboygan Festival, August 9-11. The Board agreed not to participate.
- 4) Presque Isle Gas & Electric notified the Township that a natural gas franchise may soon be available. Koviak will invite PIEG to the Burt Township Board meeting on July 3, 2013.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Swantek

- 1) The house that was falling down on Indian Point Road is down and cleaned up.
- 2) The burned house on Needles Road has not been cleaned up yet. Mr. Fowler is trying to find someone to clean up the debris. A deadline of July 1, 2013 was given to Mr. Fowler by Swantek.
- 3) Signs were removed on East Burt Lake Road.
- 4) Attorney Tim MacArthur requests cable franchise information.

Road Commission Meeting, May 23, 2013 – Pillen

Attorney Dan Delaney from Gaylord spoke about road ends. He said that if a township expresses an interest in a platted sub, the road commission can make a formal relinquishment. If the road end is not in a platted sub, the road end must be abandoned. There was no talk about road commissions developing road end sites.

Newsletter – Hodulik

Hodulik said he would put together the newsletter to be sent with the summer tax bills. Topics to include are: survey, trail update, Maple Bay update, Service Road paving, and ditches.

Cable – Koviak

ACM-Tech is sending information to MacArthur, Koviak and Swantek regarding removal of cable. If the cable is on Consumer’s Energy poles, there is a possibility Consumer’s will take down the cable. Otherwise, the Township may need to step in to have it removed.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk