

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
July 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on July 2, 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

Absent: None

GUESTS: Chris Brown, David Carr, Leonard Charcut, Jim Larson,

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:

Addition –

- 1) Amend budget for cemetery

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment –

County Commissioner Chris Brown reported that Bob Chadwick has been appointed as the 5th member of the Road Commission. Mr. Brown also said that Alcona Health Care has been awarded a grant to provide services to underserved areas including Cheboygan County at the McLaren Cheboygan Campus. Additionally, the Community Correction Program offers free labor to townships by inmates at the jail. The inmates are awarded credit for time served for their work.

Leonard Charchut stated that Indian Point Rd. is in poor condition. He said he called the Road Commission and was told to bring it up at the township level. Koviak said a ton stone was put on the road last week but due to the heavy rain and recent road brining, the road once again is rutted and has holes. Koviak said he will have the road manager look at it, but it really needs to be widened and the berm graded.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the minutes of June 4, 2015 as presented and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

Unfinished Business

Board Policies – Koviak

Koviak will contact Mary Campbell about minor changes yet to be made in the policies manual. Hodulik brought up that technology policies have not been addressed. Koviak said that disposition of old equipment, the township website, and officials' email addresses will be added by the new planner.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to table approval of the policies manual until the August 6, 2015 meeting.

APPROVED

FOIA - Koviak

Attorney Tim MacArthur was unable to attend the meeting but his secretary called earlier to see if there have been any changes to the FOIA Policy and Procedures since the last meeting. The new FOIA laws went into effect July 1, 2015.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to adopt a resolution to accept the FOIA Policy and Procedures. (Resolution 6-2015)

Roll call Vote Taken: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

McDougall will contact MacArthur for pdf files for the website.

Birchwood Road - Koviak

Koivak will meet with Road Commission Foreman Shane Redmond in a couple of weeks as Munro Township is working on a similar road. A solution may be to flatten out the berm on the sides of the road and then add afon stone. Koviak will try to get an estimate for the job.

Planner Position - Koviak

Mary Campbell will complete any unfinished business for the township. The board recognizes the good work by MC Planning & Design and a letter of appreciation will be sent to Mary. The Planner position will be posted in the newspapers with a deadline of July 15, 2015.

New Business

2015-2016 Budget – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to amend the budget line for Cemetery expense from \$7,100.00 to \$8,100.00 as Burt Township underpaid their portion in fiscal year 2014-2015.

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

- Hodulik, Pillen, Street, and Vorenkamp met with Karie Slavik and Bob Vandekoppel at U of M on June 5, 2015 to discuss the route at the north end of the lake. The meeting had a very positive outcome and Karie Slavik and Newt Nadelhoffer will ask the Real Estate Division of U of M for easements.

- Koviak said there is a problem with people parking on the trail.
- Hodulik said a TAP fund grant application needs to be written for Mullet-Burt Rd. for 2017. He talked to Emily Meyerson and she may be willing to write the application.

Planning Commission – Hodulik

The Planning Commission will be examining the Zoning Ordinance for discrepancies and issues that need to be addressed at the July meeting.

Zoning Appeals Board – Koviak

Due to lack of agenda the meeting on July 24, 2015 will be cancelled.

Zoning Administrator Report - Larson

- Sunset Resort owner, Rick Adams, is selling the property as a condo association. He is listing the house with 66' lake frontage and the remaining part as an association. Larson questioned how to handle the dock issue as a private lake access. Lindroth has this property listed as a resort. Larson will photograph the present usage of the dock. Attorney MacArthur will be apprised of the situation.
- Larson had phone call from Mrs. Sherrie Jacobson, 6058 Learning Lane who wants to split her property which has two houses on it. It is zoned light industrial.
- Larson said he has issues with people building pole barns and living in them. He will check with McArthur for an ordinance on this problem.

Supervisor Report – Koviak

- Koviak attended the Road Commission Public Hearing regarding Eagles Nest Rd. in Tuscarora Township. The road is unsafe. Kindsvatter is attempting to get signatures for a special assessment. The cost to turn the road back to gravel is \$30,000.00.
- Koviak is brining the roads. The east side will be done next week.
- Spring Clean Up Day on June 18th was very successful with 139 loads and 4-5 big trucks. Fencing is needed at the west side transfer station as people are going around the existing fence and illegally dumping. Spring Clean Up for 2016 will be on June 18, 2016 at the east side transfer station.

Public Comment – None

Upcoming meetings

Planning Commission – July 20, 2015 7:00 pm

Burt Lake Trail – July 27, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Board Meeting – August 6, 2015 – 7:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:27 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk