

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
Board Meeting  
July 7, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on July 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

**Attendance:** Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Gene Hodulik, Art Pillen, Donna McDougall

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Mike Ridley, Stan Holmes, Ann Baughman, Steve Vorenkamp, Don Balbaugh, Ken Paquet, Don McIntosh, Jim Larson, Linda Socha, Russ Elmhirst, Dan Swantek, Luke D. Houlton

**Agenda**

Additions to the Agenda: None

Deletions: None

Public Comment on Agenda: None

**Public Comment –**

Ken Paquet – Mr. Paquet requested that the Burt Township Board not sign the circulating recall petitions but, instead, support the Road Commission in their endeavor to complete their projects.

**Minutes:** June 2, 2011 and June 27, 2011

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of June 2, 2011 and June 27, 2011, as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Bills**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills in the amount of:  
\$27,484.21

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Old Business:**

**Well Bids:**

Bids for a 5” Well received from Northern Drilling, Inc., Well Drilling Co., Mattson & Sons.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the bid from Northern Drilling, Inc., for a 5” well, ¾ HP Standard Pump system - \$7,503.00

**MOTION APPROVED**

As Koviak was distantly related to two of the bidders, he abstained from voting.

Koviak will apply for the permit.

**Insulation Bids:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to accept the proposal from Brian Coffell Builders for the insulation: 5 ½ inches of blown insulation in under siding main hall only -

\$2,377.57

## **MOTION APPROVED**

### **MTA Workers' Compensation Insurance**

As MTA was unable to provide Workers' Compensation at this time, Accident Fund will be the carrier for 2011-2012 – \$750.00

### **New Business**

#### **Road Bids**

Koviak thanked Luke Houlton for getting the potholes fixed. He asked Houlton when the Road Commission will be doing the work on S. Extension Rd. (w/crushed rock) that has already been paid. Houlton said the Road Commission is struggling to keep up and is two weeks behind due to weather. He will provide Koviak with the date when the S. Extension Road work will be done.

Koviak asked when new road work could be done – this year? Houlton said he cannot say when they could get to the work but it will probably be next year before it can be started. Houlton said the Road Commission has not yet received any contracts from other townships for work for next year.

Swantek asked why the township can't hire outside contractors for this work. Houlton said the township may hire outside contractors but it would be more expensive for the township due to engineering specification costs. The County doesn't charge for this and it would cost the township \$10,000 - \$15,000 for each road. Houlton said Tuscarora Township did this in 2005 and Aloha Township did it on Long Lake Road.

Houlton explained the windshield estimates for Mundt, Numbers and Service Roads.

**Obvious errors in windshield estimates by the Cheboygan County Road Commission were discussed at the meeting.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen, to approve a 2 % deposit to the Cheboygan County Road Commission in order to get firm estimates on paving services for Numbers Road and Service Road from the Road Account (millage) as follows:

- 1) Numbers Road – Resurface with 28' pavement – 2% of \$106,821.99
- 2) Service Road – Grade and gravel – 30' grade – 2% of \$106,422.82

## **MOTION APPROVED**

### **Public Comment on Roads:**

Russ Elmhirst asked Houlton whom he should call about the big dip in the middle of Needles Road. Houlton said to call the Road Commission on Monday and they will look at it.

Dan Swantek asked Houlton why the Road Commission does not fill in the cracks before they patch over the road. Houlton said it is better if they do fill in the cracks first but that there is no revenue to do so.

Don McIntosh asked about the culvert on Eagles Nest Road and who is responsible for its maintenance. Houlton said MDOT or the County Road Commission could maintain it but to call the Road Commission on Monday and they will look at it.

### **Mike Ridley, Tuscarora Township Supervisor - RE: Eagles Nest Road**

Mike Ridley attended the meeting to request Burt Township to consider participating with Tuscarora Township in repairing Eagles Nest Road as it is used by residents of Burt Township as

well as Tuscarora. The cost is approximately \$160,000-\$170,000 for repairs, and Tuscarora Township does not have a road millage but does road work by special assessment. Koviak and Pillen both said this board and taxpayers are not interested in repairing a road in Tuscarora Township.

**Planning Commission – Ann Baughman**

Ann Baughman provided the Board with an update on Zoning Ordinance amendments being considered, as follows:

- 1) Public Lake Access sites
- 2) Medical Marihuana
- 3) Accessory buildings as a principal use

A Public Hearing is scheduled for August 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall.

**Spring Clean Up Day - Koviak**

Koviak reported the Spring Clean Up Day on June 18, 2011, was another success. BLPA donated \$1000 and sent 9 volunteers to help during the day. The cost this year was \$2,827.50, down from \$3,198 last year. 327 tires were collected this year.

**Burt Lake Trail – Pillen**

Pillen reported on the Trail Meeting on June 13, 2011. Bill Hoffman, resident on W. Burt Lake Road and an attorney spoke about easement liability issues. He stated that the law exempts from liability anyone who gives an easement for trails unless there is deliberate negligence. Jim Larson asked Hoffman how someone could get out of an easement if the trail is not being used for its intended use. Hoffman said that person would have to go to court.

A History Ride is scheduled for July 30th and starts at Maple Bay and ends at Bear Saw Creek Nature Preserve.

Virginia Chenevere suggested a hot dog and corn roast fundraiser in August.

Larry Fox from C2AE attended the meeting concerning contract specifications.

Reminders to send in pledges are being mailed.

The next Tail Meeting is on July 25 at the Topinabee Pavilion at 7:00 pm.

Ann Baughman noted that 40 people walked in the Alanson 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and handed out History Ride flyers.

Steve Vorenkamp presented a map of the township showing Paser Road Ratings and asked about prioritizing of the road repairs and upgrades. As these are County roads, Koviak said there is no Road Commission money available before 2013.

**Zoning Administrator Update – Dan Swantek**

Swantek presented a list of the 16 permits given so far this year. He said this is going much better than last year.

Gary Quick – a letter has been sent to Gary Quick with a clean up date of July 27, 2011.

**MTA – Koviak**

Koviak attended the June MTA meeting. Sheriff Clarmont was the speaker with the 2010 Annual Report.

MTA voted to send a letter in support not to recall Ken Paquet.

**Other Business**

County Commissioner Linda Socha attended the meeting and said the Drain Commissioner position has been filled. County Administrator Mike Overton is leaving and they hope to fill that position soon.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk