

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
July 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on July 7, 2016 at 7:02 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

Also Attending: Leonard & Eleanore Charchut, Jill Patterson, Dave Patterson, Mike English, Jim Larson, Katie Parker, Bert Ebbers, Chris Kindsvatter, Lori Kindsvatter, Dave Hutto, Linda Steenstra, Robert Steenstra, Virginia Chenevere, Nora Stanbury, Jack Blanchard, Tim MacArthur

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept the agenda with the following addition: Mullett Township Fire Dept. – Mike English, Chief

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment:

Bert Ebbers asked if it is legal to campaign on township property. Koviak said there is a law saying that it is illegal. Dave Patterson asked if campaigning can be done outside of the transfer station. Hodulik said an article in the MTA magazine stated that campaigning is prohibited on township property.

Tim MacArthur said campaigning is prohibited on election day within 100 ft of township property, that signs are not allowed on township property but the township cannot police people talking on township property.

Bert Ebbers asked if the township has a policy for employees handing out campaign literature on township property. Koviak said the township does not have such a policy.

Jim Larson said he does not have financial documents for the trail he requested and who could get it for him. Koviak asked him for which dates he wants the documents. Larson said from the beginning, he wants all donations and costs.

Koviak said there is no running basis and that Bill Kanine has the finances for Phase I and he can get the information.

Charchut asked when Indian Point Rd. will be repaired. Koviak said Indian Point will get redone in August. About one mile will be repaired; new drainage culverts and crush rock. Other bad parts of the road will get additional crush rock. Koviak said the road commission said the road is getting narrow and they want to work on that but the residents do not want the trees cut.

Dave Patterson said he talked to the road commission about new regulations, low volume road regulations now allow less paving and smaller shoulders.

Koviak said the road millage brings in approximately \$66,000 per year and the fund has \$196,000 in it now.

Consent Agenda - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the minutes of June 2, 2016 with the following corrections:

- 1) 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.

Correct to read: to create a capital improvement fund for trail maintenance from the general fund **as a separate account** 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.

- 2) Nora Stanbury asked what is the purpose of the Cheboygan County Humane Society. Correct to read: Nora Stanbury asked **why is Burt Township supporting** the Cheboygan County Humane Society.

MOTION APPROVED

Old Business

Annual Spring Clean Up Day – Koviak

Koviak reported that the annual spring clean up day was very busy. Over 150 truckloads of junk were brought in and at least four compactors were filled. Many tires were brought, too, and the DEQ grant will pay for part of their disposal fee. He thanked everyone for their help and BLPA for volunteers and financial support.

Katie Parker asked if the DEQ grant was per tire or a lump sum. Koviak said it was per tire.

Jill Patterson asked if Burt Township should do two clean up days a year. Koviak said he refers anyone who needs to get rid of things after the clean up day to the Emmet County recycling.

Larson said a person sits in the Vivios parking lot on Sunday mornings to accept scrap metal.

Next year the spring clean up day will be Father's Day weekend on the west side.

New Business

Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Kindsvatter

Kindsvatter said the Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance changes was held on May 16, 2016. The amendments were submitted to the Cheboygan County Planning Commission for comments on June 1st and no comments have been received.

The proposed changes include the definition of the high water mark, fire pit seating areas, and number of copies to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator.

Virginia Chenevere asked if something other than grass should be outside of the fire pit area to lessen the chance of a grass fire. Kindsvatter said that is the seating area. Chenevere said that someone could walk away from a fire and it could burn out of control. Mike English said to call the fire department, and they will come out.

Tim MacArthur said the township could have a stand-alone ordinance for recovery costs for negligent fires but as the fire department is in Mullet Township, it would need to originate with Mullet Township. English said Mullet's board has discussed this possibility.

Jill Patterson asked where to go to find out about zoning regulations. Koviak said the information is on the website or call Larson or himself.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance by addition of the definition of the high water mark. (Resolution 2016-6)

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

MOTION APPROVED

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance Section on fire pit seating areas. (Resolution 2016-7)

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

MOTION APPROVED

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance Section on number of copies required for zoning administrator. (Resolution 2016-8)

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

MOTION APPROVED

Amendment changes will be sent to the Resorter for publication and take effect eight days after publication.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council – Koviak

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council has invited Burt Township to be a partner in the Watershed. Their next meeting is August 26, 2016. By becoming a partner with townships and other organizations, Tip of the Mitt will be in a better position to get grants. Currently Burt Township does not have any areas with problems.

Patterson said this topic will be brought up with BLPA at their August meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik to partner with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in the Burt Lake Watershed Plan.

MOTION APPROVED

Mullett Township Fire Department – Mike English

Mr. English gave a report on recent activity within Burt Township. Chief English's report for the first 6 months of 2016 was 20 runs, 15 of which were EMS, one pole barn fire, and 4 vehicle accidents. Approximately 1/3 of his volunteer fire men/EMS live in Burt Township, average response time (dispatch to arrival) was 6.35 minutes.

Dave Patterson asked if they are still working on dry hydrants. Mr. English said they are still looking at this.

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

The Trail Committee met on June 27th. Larry Fox from C2AE came and gave a presentation on the creation of the trail on the west side. Mr. Fox said it was built according to MDOT specifications.

David Boyle from NDG attended also and reported that he had met with a DNR Trust Fund representative and gave a tour of the existing and proposed trails. The DNR rep was very pleased with what she saw and liked where the new trail would be located.

Planning Commission – Kindsvatter

Kindsvatter said the agenda for the next meeting on July 18th includes water and septic inspections at time of transfer, irregular shaped lots, greenbelts (enforcement and allowing latitude for topography), and education.

ZBA – Katie Parker

Parker said the last meeting was in May and included three requests for variances. One was tabled as it was for a garage and not staked for the committee to inspect. In the future the ZBA will not review any requests not staked on the ground.

The meeting is July 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Zoning Administrator - Larson

Larson said he has had some requests for additions, garages and pole barns but none for new homes.

Supervisor Report – Koviak

W. Burt Lake Rd. will be closed north of Hardwood Rd. on July 13th for replacement of culverts. The Road Commission will repair the road and trail if needed at county expense.

Public Comment

Dave Hutto said he has been attending trail meetings and is concerned with the level of animosity between people. He is also concerned with the phrase “in perpetuity” and wants to know the truth. He said he has done some research and submitted a report.

Jack Blanchard asked what is happening on the east side. Koviak said the Road Commission will pave Mullet-Burt Rd. next year and will include paved shoulders.

Chris Kindsvatter said Eagles Nest Rd. (Tuscarora Township portion) is nice and wanted it noted that it was paved and paid for by assessments by Tuscarora Township property owners.

Hutto said there was a motion at the trail meeting to look for grants for paving Phase I. Vorenkamp will look into it.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk

