

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
August 1, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on August 1, 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: Brian Burns, Russ Elmhirst, James Larson, Linda Socha, Dan Swantek, Iver and Carolyn Thornburg

AGENDA: Koviak

Additions: Cable TV - Tim MacArthur

Fire Report – Iver Thornburg

Deletions: None

Public Comments on Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PIE&G – Brian Burns

PIE&G President and CEO, Brian Burns attended the meeting to request approval of an ordinance giving PIE&G a natural gas franchise in Burt Township. Mr. Burns said the franchise is for future planning and that PIE&G has no immediate plans for servicing the township. Maple River Township has approved such an ordinance, and a pipeline could potentially come down Brutus Road to Burt Township, as well. On the east side a line could come west from Indian Trail Road under I-75 to Burt Township. Mr. Burns said multiple franchises could be given, and the companies would compete for business later on.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to adopt an ordinance granting Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive, irrevocable right to lay, maintain, and operate natural gas main/pipelines on, along, across, and under the roads, alleys,

bridges and other public places and to conduct a local natural gas business in Burt Township for a period of 30 years.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Holland and Farr Lot Split – Koviak

Mary Campbell, M C Planning & Design, prepared a request from Dave Carpenter on behalf of Florence Farr to split parcel 120-036-200-007-00 in order to transfer 35 feet along the length of the parcel to Alan or Claudia Holland, parcel 120-036-200-006-00, as the Holland parcel has an existing garage encroaching on the Farr parcel. Mary Campbell has determined that the proposed lot line adjustment will meet the requirements of the Land Division Act, as amended, and the overall dimensional requirements of the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik supported by Pillen to approve the Holland and Farr lot split with the following condition: that the transferred strip of land must be combined with the adjacent parcel as the strip of land alone does not meet the zoning requirements.

MOTION APPROVED

McLaren Lot Split – Koviak

Mary Campbell prepared a request from John McLaren to split parcel 120-013-400-005-00 which fronts Topinabee Mail Route Road on the west side of the parcel. The proposed split will result in parcel A being 2.1 acres and parcel B 2.0 acres. Parcel A fronts Topinabee Mail Route Road and parcel B will be accessible via a 30' ingress/egress and utility easement. Mary Campbell has determined that the proposed lot line adjustment will meet the requirements of the Land Division Act, as amended, and the overall dimensional requirements of the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the McLaren lot split as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Cablemax TV – Tim MacArthur

Township attorney Tim MacArthur reported he has researched various means for removal of the cable wire and poles left by Cablemax TV. He checked with the Metro Authority who suggested he call the Michigan Public Service Commission and is awaiting a response from them. There is no funding at the state level to assist in removal of the cable or poles.

Koviak said Pillen, Hodulik and himself met with Tim Petrosky from Consumers Energy to see if they would assist. Petrosky said very little of the wire is on Consumers poles, only along Elmhurst Road. Pillen will check with Great Lakes Power and BFD of Indian River to get bids on removing the wire, and MacArthur will check with Bob Goodnow of Sunrise Cable in Onaway to get a bid.

Reports

Planning Commission – Hodulik

- Survey questions have been completed and the survey will be mailed out to residents in mid-August.

- Planning Commission is researching sign sizes to make the ordinance more precise

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

No appeals at the July meeting.

Burt Lake Trail – Pillen

The grand-opening/ribbon-cutting ceremony is August 10th at 11:00 am at the Jontz property on West Burt Lake Road. Senator Howard Walker is attending and Dan Beneshik's office is sending a representative. A picnic follows at the Hall at noon.

Zoning Administrator – Swantek

Permits have been written for three houses and a pole barn this summer.

Supervisor Report – Koviak

- Burt Township received an invitation from Peter Pettalia to a forum on personal property tax on August 22 at Alpena Community College
- Received a letter from the Road Commission for new project applications for local safety programs in 2015, possibly a guardrail for the curve on West Burt Lake Road – deadline for applications is August 30.

Crack-sealing - Koviak

Koviak received a bid from the Road Commission to crack-seal E. Burt Lake Road at a cost of \$5,000 for Burt Township and \$3,000 for Munro Township.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to contract with the Cheboygan County Road Commission to crack-seal East Burt Lake Road at a cost of \$5,000.

MOTION APPROVED

Road Ends – Koviak

Mike Roper from the Road Commission suggested Burt Township first pursue acquiring the Mundt Road and Mullett-Burt Road (Hoppies) road ends. The Township will be required to pay for a survey and title search. MacArthur suggested using Cheboygan Title Agency to get the title search and commitment of ownership.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Koviak to begin the process of a title search and survey for the Mundt Road and Mullett-Burt Road (Hoppies) road ends.

MOTION APPROVED

County Commissioner Report – Linda Socha

- Linda Socha researched the library penal fines for the township and e-mailed a report. The County Treasurer will escrow the penal fines for Burt Township until it is determined which library should receive the funds.
- Commissioner Socha said she talked with the Recycling manager and the problems with emptying the bins are being resolved.
- The County is starting their budget and contract negotiations and plan to give raises to all county employees.

Fire Report – Iver Thornburg

Iver Thornburg asked who will be plowing snow at Maple Bay this winter. Koviak said the township will take care of snow removal.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk