

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
August 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on August 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Harold Koviak, Eugene Hodulik, Shirley Reimann, Donna McDougall

Absent: Art Pillen, Excused

Also Attending: Russ Elmhirst, Theresa Henry, Brad Gerlach, Katie Parker, Chris Kindsvatter, Dave Hutto, Virginia Chenevere, Tim MacArthur, Carolyn Thornburg, Iver Thornburg, Chris Brown

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to accept the agenda as published.

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comments:

Koviak announced that his mother, Margaret Koviak, will be 100 years old on Monday and that she held the positions of township clerk for 32 years and secretary for the Burt-Mullett Cemetery for 50 years.

Koviak said now that the election is over, there is much work to be done. The Planning Commission is doing a good job but more work needs to be done regarding septic systems to protect the lake and the continuation of greenbelts to also protect the lake. The township provides good fire protection. All millages passed easily so the township can continue to work on paving roads. Koviak said it is time to put differences aside and work together to do great things for Burt Township.

Larson said he has had complaints on overcrowding with property rentals.

Theresa Henry, Ranch Road, said two trailers on property owned by Susan Chevalier, and in the process of being sold, have been under demolition for the past three months. She said trailer insulation is being burned as well as other debris. Larson said he would check on it but that she should call 911 if it continues.

Virginia Chenevere said she has heard complaints about noise and parking problems near Hoppies.

Consent Agenda - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reiman to approve the minutes of July 7, 2016 as published and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business

Roads – Koviak

Work has begun on the Maple River bridge on Brutus Rd. and will continue for the next three months. Hardwood Road is dusty and needs grading. Koviak said he will try to have the county put water on it and grade it and possibly have it brined.

The road commission will start work on Indian Point Rd. soon. Koviak is trying to get the road commission to improve the road but trees will need to be removed. The road commission would like to meet with the board and Indian Point residents soon to discuss options as new standards do not require making the road 66' in certain circumstances. At this point the road will be graded and crushed rock will be put down.

Hodulik mentioned that Brent Schank, manager/engineer from the Cheboygan County Road Commission said that with the passage of PA 181 in 2015, certain roads such as Indian Point could be paved at 24' width but would need a safety zone so certain trees need to be removed. After a meeting with the residents, he is willing to create the estimates to fix the base and pave.

Koviak said that with the passage of the Road millage, the paving fund will have enough money to look at which roads should next be improved.

Brad Gerlach said Sturgeon Bay get a lot of usage due to the boat launch.

August 2, 2016 State Primary Election – McDougall

Burt Township turnout was very good. 385 voters cast votes (105 were absentee) (60% of eligible voters in Burt Township). Chair Sharon McIntosh and the other inspectors ran a very good election.

Results attached.

Committee Reports

Trail Committee – Hodulik

Hodulik reported that the Trail Committee received a letter from John Mayes, Grants Manager for DNR Trust Fund, who cleared up many misunderstandings regarding trail maintenance, particularly the life of the trail which he states is approximately 20 years, but the easements must kept for public use in perpetuity. The committee also received a letter from the Munro Township board, which will support trail maintenance in the amount of \$2,000/year in Munro Township. The third letter was from Brent Shank from the road commission who wrote that the maintenance for the trail on the **road right of way** (Correct to read: **paved shoulders**) is the responsibility of the road commission and the maintenance for the trail off the road is the responsibility of Burt Township.

Planning Commission – Kindsvatter

The next meeting for the Planning Commission is September 19. At the last meeting irregular lots was discussed. This will be placed on hold until more issues are decided.

Kindsvatter asked if it is possible to have the township attorney review all ordinance changes prior to board approval. Koviak said this is a good idea for the future.

Lilac Lane – Correct to read: **Weatherhead Lot** - Kindsvatter will meet with Tim MacArthur, Sheriff Clarmont and the County Prosecutor to discuss enforcement of civil infractions.

ZBA – Koviak

The last meeting on July 22; David Chapman, 3801 Greenman's Point Rd. was given a variance for a garage.

The next meeting is September 23.

Supervisor Report – Koviak

MTA on the Road is in St. Ignace on October 7, 2016.

Correspondence:

Road Commission minutes: June 16, 2016; July 7, 2016;

MTA minutes: June 30, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Reimann, supported by Hodulik to file the correspondence.

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment:

Iver Thornburg gave the Pellston fire report. They have had 74 runs so far this year, mainly transformers, cars and brush fires. He did not know how many were in Burt Township. On Aug. 24 they will conduct a fire drill at the Pellston airport. The air boat will be at the boat races.

Chris Brown, County Commissioner, said that enforcing ordinances has been a problem and there are no blight ordinances in the county.

People do not like the smart meters Consumers Energy has been putting on meters.

The County jail is being expanded to include a kitchen for food service for inmates. This will be a cost savings.

Sue Allor had a great election win – she is the first Representative from Cheboygan County in many years.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk