

BURT TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
August 5, 2010

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on August 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Tim MacArthur, James Larson, Dan Swantek, Terry Combs, Gordon Aittama, Russ Elmhirst

Public Comment:

James Larson asked what bills from June 3rd meeting were trail related. Clerk McDougall said the bill from Christine Webster was the only one.

Agenda – Harold Koviak

Additions: Dan Swantek, Zoning Administrator report
Correspondence

Jim Larson requested addition of cable TV, natural gas, sanitary sewers

Deletions: None

Minutes: July 1, 2010

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept the minutes of July 1, 2010 as published.

Discussion: Jim Larson asked the purpose of the following expenses:

1. MC Planning - Supervisor Koviak said it was for township business.
2. Land purchase - Supervisor Koviak said it is for public use.
3. Joan Hutto – Secretarial expense for ZBA and Trail meetings

MOTION APPROVED

Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills totaling: \$15,591.49
Approved

Old Business

Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities – McDougall

Clerk McDougall reported a grant application has been made to the State of Michigan, Bureau of Elections, to make the township hall more accessible for individuals with disabilities. Two bids were secured for the grant: 1) Dennis Budzinski \$3,260.00; and 2) Ogden Weatherguard Enterprises \$4,200.00, as required. The grant was due by July 31, 2010, and the township was advised to wait until the grant is approved before doing

renovations. This is a reimbursement grant. The Bureau of Elections would like all work complete before the November election.

New Business

Attorney Tim MacArthur – Opens Meetings Act and Jim Parker Litigation

MacArthur distributed a letter to the board members outlining requirements for open meetings.

Following are the requirements of publishing notices under the Open Meetings Act for the three types of meetings:

1. Regular meeting – all regular meetings are required to be posted on a schedule at the hall within 10 days of setting the dates of the meeting. If a meeting date is changed, it must be posted at the hall within three days of the meeting where the decision was made to change it.
2. Special meeting – requires posting a notice at the hall 18 hrs prior to the meeting.
3. Recessed meeting for more than 36 hrs – must post a notice 18 hrs prior to reconvening.

No newspaper publishing is required and Burt Township is going beyond the requirements by having meeting dates and times posted on the website.

MacArthur said that anyone who wants meeting notices can submit a written request and be charged for postage and time. A subscription for all unapproved and approved minutes can be requested in writing with a fee.

Mr. Elmhirst suggested that more financial information be made available to the public.

It was decided that the Board will continue to publish meeting notices in the Straitsland Resorter, on the website and at the township hall.

Jim Parker Litigation

MacArthur reported that this case is progressing but he has to make sure the complaint complies with recent amendments made to the zoning ordinance. He will check on this within the week.

Hoppies boat launch - Koviak

Indian River Contractors has finished with the launch parking area. They still need to put up a 2-3 foot fence around a water basin near the lake before winter.

MTA Meeting – July 29, 2010

Pillen and Koviak attended the MTA meeting. The MTA representative said that ballot proposal requesting a constitutional conventional would cost \$45 million. MTA is not supporting this proposal. Road commission and senior citizens advocates also spoke at the meeting.

Primary Election August 3, 2010 – McDougall

Clerk McDougall said Burt Township had a good turnout for the Primary with over 30% turnout.

Zoning Administrator Report - Swantek

Dale Hadel – firepit has come into compliance

Don Hagerl – cleaned up yard – in compliance

Gary Quick – still working on clean up

Robert Paul, 7581 Feather Lane – workers failed to get permits to replace decks with concrete in 75’ setback. Swantek had the concrete removed and now in compliance.

Cable TV, Natural Gas, Sanitary Sewers

Postpone per Larson

Correspondence

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to receive and file the correspondence from Jim Larson. (change to read in regards to the letter Larson sent to various people of the township as corrected in minutes of September 2, 2010)

MOTION APPROVED

Public comment

Russ Elmhirst asked about the road millage and improvements to Numbers and Service Roads. Koviak said this is first on the list for the East side. With the millage giving approximately \$60,000 per year the township may be able to start work on this next year. Koviak notes that the work on S. Extension with Mullet Township is almost complete.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk