

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
August 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on August 6, 2015, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

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

Absent: None

GUESTS: Randy Bricker, Russ Elmhirst, Dave Hutto, Chris Kindsvatter, Jim Larson, Dave & Jill Patterson, Kari Slavik, Steve Vorenkamp, John Wojciechowski

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

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

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment –

Russ Elmhirst asked if the crack sealing on the roads is complete. Koviak said it will be a couple of more weeks before they are finished and that Needles Road is on the list, too. Koviak said Feather Lane will be tar/chipped next week.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the minutes of July 2, 2015 as presented and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

Unfinished Business

Board Policies – Koviak

Mary Campbell made suggested changes to the draft Board Policies. Koviak mentioned that it is a working document and will need additions/changes as new items come along but, as of now, it reflects the needs and intentions of the board.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the Burt Township Board Policies Manual as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

Birchwood Road - Koviak

The board received an estimate from the road commission in the amount of \$80,000.00 to improve Birchwood Road. The road is approximately 8200'. They will bring in the berms off the sides of the road so the rain will drain off into the ditch, fill holes, and cover with afton stone.

This will greatly improve the present condition of the road but will not prepare it for paving. To prepare it for paving would cost approximately \$320,000.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Koviak to accept the Cheboygan County Road Commission's bid to improve Birchwood Road at a cost of \$80,465.00 from the cash on hand in the General Fund.

Roll Call vote: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

McDougall will issue a check in the amount of \$1,609.30, 2% deposit for the work.

New Business

Fire Station – John Wojciechowski

John Wojciechowski and Pellston Fire Chief Randy Bricker attended the meeting to discuss plans for a proposed fire station on the southeast corner of the intersection of Riggsville Rd. and W. Burt Lake Rd. Bricker had plans drawn up, and Wojciechowski presented them to the board. This fire station will serve all of the west side of Burt Lake, the east side of Burt Lake up to the township hall, the U of M property, and part of Munro Township. Karie Slavik from U of M said they will need a letter from the Board requesting to lease the property for 99 years for \$1.00, based on the drawings presented. Patterson said BLPA will support this project.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to write a letter to U of M requesting to lease the property on the southeast corner of the intersection of Riggsville Rd. and W. Burt Lake Rd. for a fire station for 99 years at the cost of \$1.00.

Roll Call vote: Reimann, - yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Lathers Road Abandonment – Karie Slavik

Karie Slavik, Associate Director, U of M Biological Station attended the meeting to request a letter of support from the board to the Road Commission to abandon Lathers Road on Colonial Point. U of M will improve present parking and put a post in at both entrances of the road so no one can drive down the road. Randy Bricker said the fire department has no problem with abandonment as the fire trucks can remove the post, if needed. Vorenkamp suggested an easement for a future bike trail be written into the abandonment agreement as the county/township will lose all control of the property in the future. Karie Slavik said U of M would not agree to an easement.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to write a letter of support to the Cheboygan Road Commission in favor of abandoning Lathers Road.

Discussion – None

Roll Call vote: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – no; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Mullett Township Resolution - Koviak

Mullett Township sent a sample resolution asking for support of their beach park improvements. The resolution is somewhat ambiguous and the board had several questions. McDougall will ask for clarification.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to table this request until the September 3, 2015 board meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

8:10 pm – Koviak excused himself due to illness and Clerk McDougall chaired the meeting in his stead.

Board E-mail Addresses – McDougall

McDougall obtained a price from Chris Nye who owns and manages the Burt Township website. He will provide 20 e-mail addresses for \$150.00 per year.

Art Pillen had information from Gaslight Media who provides e-mail addresses and online-data access for the County Commissioners. They charge a startup fee of \$50 plus \$2 per e-mail per month. They also offer web hosting and storage for Township documents.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to table this until the September 3, 2015 meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

2015-2016 Budget – McDougall

The repairs to the Burt Lake Trail which come from the Parks & Recreation line item have exceeded budgeted expenses.

MOTION: Moved by McDougall, supported by Hodulik to increase the Parks & Recreation line item to \$27,000.00 and decrease the Public Improvement line item to \$2,000.00.

Roll Call vote taken: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak - absent

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Steven Vorenkamp

Vorenkamp received confirmation today from the DNR Trust Fund that reimbursement requests 5 and 6 are approved and a check will be sent for \$90,109.49 next week. He said some engineering costs were not reimbursed, and in the next phase of the trail a cap needs to be placed on those expenses. Vorenkamp suggested the board send Bill Kanine a letter of thanks for his hard work and dedication to the project.

Hodulik said Alex Nikoloff who recommends TAP grants (MDOT) will speak at the August 27th MTA meeting in Munro Township.

Pillen and Hodulik sent letters to residents on the west side asking them to keep their landscapers, visitors, etc. from parking on the trail.

Zoning Administrator – Larson

Larson is working to get residents to comply with the green belt ordinance. He has 11 pending since he took over as zoning administrator.

Planning Commission – Kindsvatter

At the meeting on July 20th residents from White Goose Bay Association asked the Planning Commission to restrict rentals in the township. As this is an association problem, the Planning Commission told them to police it themselves. He has not heard any of their plans yet. Kindsvatter has had some other calls about rentals. He will suggest to the Planning Commission that a citizen committee be formed to look in this and see if there is a problem.

Public Comment – None

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk