

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
August 7, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Clerk Donna McDougall on August 7, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

ATTENDANCE: Shirley Reimann, Arthur Pillen, Donna McDougall

ABSENT: Harold Koviak, Eugene Hodulik

GUESTS: Jim Larson, Steve Vorenkamp, John Wojciehowicz

Clerk McDougall led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance then turned the meeting over to Trustee Art Pillen.

Public Comment:

John Wojciehowski commented on the status of the challenge to reduce fire insurance costs for township residents. Wojciehowski said that even though Randy Bricker said there is no grant money to erect a substation on the U of M property, he does not want to give up on that avenue and has written a note to both U of M and the Pellston Fire Department to that effect. He also wants the board to encourage the Pellston Fire Dept to become ISO (International Standardization Organization) certified which will also lower insurance rates considerably.

Steve Vorenkamp said there are two issues, safety and saving homes and also insurance savings. He asked if this should go through the Planning Commission or the township Board. Pillen said he will look into this.

Agenda

Additions: August 5, 2014 Primary Election

Deletions: Table Complete Streets and Policies and Procedures discussions until the September 4, 2014 meeting.

Approved

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of July 3, 2014 and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

Burt-Mullett Road Bid for Resurfacing – Pillen

Nothing to report at this time.

Burt Lake Trail – Steve Vorenkamp

Steve said the final bills need to be submitted by August 26, 2014 or a letter to the DNR listing the estimated expenditures. Vorenkamp and McDougall will meet on Saturday to discuss bills to be submitted. There is approximately \$120,000 left on the grant.

Zoning Administrator – Jim Larson

Larson reported that he has only received a few calls lately.

Primary Election – McDougall

212 Ballots cast for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election. Results for Burt Township:

Rep. Governor – Snyder – 147

Rep. US Senator – Terri Lynn Land – 138

Rep. District 1 in Congress: Alan Arcand – 56; Dan Benishek – 97

Rep. District 37 Senator: Greg McMaster – 71; Wayne A. Schmidt – 81

Rep. District 106 Representative: Peter Pettalia – 129

Rep. Road Commissioner: David Brandt – 63; Travis Horrocks – 16; Donald J. Spray 65

Rep. District 1 Commissioner: Chris Brown – 89; Thomas Chastain – 49

Rep. Burt Delegate: Dennis Budzinski – 121; Write In - 9

Dem. Governor: Mark Schauer – 42

Dem. US Senator: Gary Peters – 41

Dem. District 1 in Congress: Jerry Cannon – 41

Dem. District 37 Senator: Phil Bellfy – 19; Jimmy Schmidt – 19

Dem. District 106 Representative: Rozanne Curley – 13; Robert Kennedy – 18; Scot R. McKenzie – 6

Dem. Road Commissioner: Joe LaHaie – 40

Dem. District 1 Commissioner: Steve Chimner – 39

Dem. Burt Delegate: Write In – 5

State Proposition: Approval or disapproval of admendatory act to reduce state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

Yes – 138; No – 70

County Renewal Proposition: Proposal to renew senior millage

Yes – 159; No – 46

County Road Proposition: Proposal for countywide road millage

Yes – 136; No – 73

Burt Township Proposition: Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op natural gas franchise

Yes – 171; No – 25

Public Comments – None

Next Board Meeting - September 4, 2014 – 7:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk