

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
Board Meeting  
September 1, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on September 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

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

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Russ Elmhirst, Dan Swantek, James Larson, Linda Socha, Tim MacArthur, Gary Street

**Agenda**

Additions to the Agenda:

Old Business: FEMA Flood Insurance – Gene Hodulik  
MTA Workers' Compensation Insurance  
Website

New Business: Topinabee Library  
PA Miller Subdivision  
Cheboygan County Master Plan – Linda Socha

Deletions: None

Public Comment on Agenda: None

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**Minutes – August 4, 2011**

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of August 4, 2011 as published.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Bills**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of: \$26,287.92.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Old Business** - Koviak

**Well**

The well is working fine and water tested OK. There was a problem with the aerator in the faucet causing it to test contaminated. Pillen will pick up a new aerator for the faucet.

**Insulation** - Koviak

Insulation job is completed. Dennis Reimann found a problem with bare wires under the Hall. Koviak contacted electrician Bob English who will fix the wires and install the two new circulating fans in the Hall.

**Signage** – Koviak

A new sign for the corner of Crump and W. Birchwood Road has been ordered.

**Website – Koviak**

Koviak talked to Chris Nye at Nye's Web Design and it is up to date now. Chris assured Koviak that he will be more timely with the website from now on.

**FEMA Flood Insurance – Hodulik**

Hodulik talked to Susan Carlson who is involved in this project in Cadillac 231-876-4443. She said she would be happy to come to any Planning Commission or Township Board meeting to explain the process for the floodplain mapping. She also said the 100-year floodplain for Burt Lake is 596'. The maps for Cheboygan County will be available on Nov. 16, 2011. The maps are written in 10' increments. The local units will have six months (until May 16, 2012) to review the maps for changes and approvals. Private consultants may be hired by individuals or the township to rewrite the maps in 1' or 2' increments. The township will have until May 16, 2012 to adopt an ordinance for Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS). After May 16, 2012 residents within flood zones with mortgages may be forced to purchase flood insurance. The township will consult with Tim MacArthur on adoption of an ordinance, if necessary. The Planning Commission will continue to look into this.

**MTA Self-Insured Workers Compensation Insurance – Koviak**

MTA is not pursuing Workers' Compensation insurance due to lack of interest.

**New Business**

**Planning Commission Proposed Amendments – Gary Street**

There were no requests for a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments.

Street went into some detail explaining the amendments and their intent. There was some question about the possibility of special use permits being given for Public Lake Access sites in the future. The Board agreed that this is a concern.

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik, to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission and approve the three presented Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Public Lake Accesses, Medical Marihuana, and Accessory Buildings as a Principal Use with the stipulation that the Planning Commission will further investigate Public Lake Accesses and how they may be interpreted in the future.

Roll Call Vote Taken:

Koviak – yes; Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**Burt Lake Trail – Pillen**

The next meeting is September 26, 2011, at 7:00 pm. C2AE will make a presentation at the meeting. Hodulik was upset that the minutes from the Trail Committee of August 22, 2011, stated that the second phase of the Trail would only extend from Raver Road to the Hogsback Road on the west side of the lake at a cost of \$473,000. He thought it would go further around lake and would like to see some money used on east side of lake.

**Zoning – Swantek**

Swantek asked if Gary Quick should be issued another citation. He has not paid the first one and his property has not been cleaned up yet. Koviak said that Swantek should make that decision as the Zoning Administrator.

**MTA – Koviak**

Koviak, Reimann and Pillen attended the August MTA meeting. Steve Schnell talked about the Cheboygan County Master Plan and upcoming informational meetings. Schnell said the County plans to incorporate Burt Township's Master Plan with the County's and will have a meeting about land use and adjoining townships.

Hodulik said he attended an informational meeting in Indian River. About 70 people were at the meeting and gave input as to what they would like the County to look like in 20 years. Linda Socha said that there were a lot of Tea Party members at the Cheboygan informational meeting who were vocal about government and regulations.

**PA Miller Subdivision Sturgeon Bay Road - McDougall**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to enter into an agreement with Cheboygan Road Commission on behalf of PA Miller Subdivision Sturgeon Bay Road for snow plowing for September 2011 through April 2012.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Topinabee Library - McDougall**

The service area for Topinabee Library includes 340 residents from Burt Township. Mullett Township asked if we would support the Library in some way.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pursue an interlocal government agreement with Mullett Township for library use in Topinabee for Burt Township residents with support of \$1,000.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Other**

Tim MacArthur distributed a legal Opinion on medical marijuana.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk