

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
September 1, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on September 1, 2016 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

Also Attending: Russ Elmhirst, Carolyn Hodulik, Theresa Henry, Katie Parker, Jim Larson, Chris Kindsvatter, Dave Hutto, Amber Libby, Tim MacArthur, Walt Lindsay, Dave Patterson, Chris Brown

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept the agenda with the following addition:

New Business: Add Resignation of Township Planner

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comments:

Russ Elmhirst asked if it is legal for individuals to fish at night with big spotlights on the lake. Koviak said it is legal if the fishermen are tribal members.

Kindsvatter thanked Koviak for getting with Brent Shank to finish tarring and chipping Cedar Lane.

Consent Agenda – Minutes and bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to approve the minutes of August 4, 2016 and payment of the bills

APPROVED

AMENDED MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 4, 2016 and payment of the bills with the following corrections:

Under Planning Report: Correct Lilac Lane to read: **Weatherhead Lot**

Under Trail Report: Correct to read: **paved shoulders**

APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS

Unfinished Business

Roads - Koviak

Hardwood Road

Koviak said the county road commission has graded it several times and the township brined it at a cost of \$5500 since the Maple River bridge closed on August 1. Foreman Shane Redmond has

done a good job with Hardwood Road. Residents are asked to call Koviak if the road needs grading and he will get with the county. The Maple River bridge will not be finished until late November or December.

Brutus Road and Indian Point Road - Koviak

Hodulik and Koviak met with 8-9 Indian Point residents last week. A contract has been signed with the county to repair the road with crush rock at a cost of about \$50,000, and that work will be done in September. Residents are interested in having the road paved. The starting point would be at the corner of W. Burt Lake Rd. and Brutus Road and will go 1.3 miles plus 600 ft. Some trees would need to be removed, culverts need to be replaced and run-off trenches will be installed. Koviak would like to ask the county for a windshield estimate to cover paving. Discussion was held. Dave Patterson and Walt Lindsay said they support paving Indian Point Rd.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to have Koviak ask the county for a windshield estimate to pave Brutus Road and Indian Point Road up to 1146 Indian Point Rd.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business

Amber Libby –Democratic Candidate for County Clerk

Amber Libby attended the board meeting to introduce herself and list her accomplishments since becoming Deputy Clerk in 2012. She said she has conducted 11 elections and ran the 2014 Tuscarora election all on her own. She recently graduated with her JD degree. Chris Brown said at least five commissioners support Amber.

Website - Koviak

Koviak said he asked Chris Nye to come to the meeting but Chris was unable. McDougall, Pillen, and Kindsvatter will meet with Chris right away to update the website.

Inter-township Agreement with Munro Township – MacArthur

Tim MacArthur presented an inter-township agreement with Munro Township that would give permission for Burt Township to expand the Burt Lake Trail into Munro. They would not pay for construction of the trail but would pay for maintaining it through their budget allocation process.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to enter into an Inter-township recreation agreement with Munro Township for expansion of the Burt Lake Trail.

MOTION APPROVED

Hodulik will attend the Munro Township board meeting on September 13 and will present the agreement for approval and signature.

Planning Consultant – Koviak

Randy Frykberg emailed his resignation as township planning consultant effective September 30, 2016, citing time and distance as a difficulty.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to accept Randy Frykberg's resignation with regret.

MOTION APPROVED

Kindsvatter said he will make some calls to find names of consultants. Koviak said he will check MTA, and MacArthur suggested checking with Mark Wycoff who puts out a weekly Planning and Zoning newsletter.

Reports

Trail

At the July 7, 2016 board meeting, the board agreed to: “create a capital improvement fund for trail maintenance from the general fund as a separate account beginning with the 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$10,000 per year and also using any leftover funds from the budgeted Parks and Recreation line item for this fund.”

Koviak suggested that the board expand on this plan so as to define a time limit for this fund. He suggested five years.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to create a time limit of five years for a capital improvement fund for the Burt Lake Trail from the general fund.

Discussion -

It was suggested to cap the amount from the Parks & Recreation line item that may be transferred into the trail maintenance fund at \$25,000/year.

AMENDED MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to create a time limit of five years for a capital improvement fund for the Burt Lake Trail from the general fund and to cap the amount from the Parks & Recreation line item that may be transferred into the trail maintenance fund at \$25,000/year.

Roll Call Vote taken: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Trail – Hodulik

- Hodulik reported that the new brochure is at the printer – 1000 copies, to be used for presentations and mailings to possible donors.
- U of M has all documents needed for the easement
- MDOT TAP grant was finished in July
- A Powerpoint presentation and narrative has been prepared

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to purchase 1000 brochures for the Burt Lake Trail at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 from the trail building fund at Citizens Bank.

MOTION APPROVED

Hodulik said the trail committee agreed to expand the committee to include interested individuals in adjacent townships. This will enhance the possibility of obtaining grants and finding new donors.

Dennis Dombroski - Mullet Township, Margie Reh – Tuscarora Township, Dick Roberts – Munro Township have all agreed to join the Trail Committee.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik to add Dennis Dombroski - Mullet Township, Margie Reh – Tuscarora Township, Dick Roberts – Munro Township to the Trail Committee.

MOTION APPROVED

Planning Commission – Kindsvatter

Next meeting is September 19 and discussion will be on zoning enforcement issues.

ZBA – Parker

Next meeting September 23 – two public hearings will be on the agenda.

Zoning Administrator - Larson

Mr. Thoms removed his patio from the 75' setback and will sign permits.

Trailers on Ranch Road are down. Larson said he called 911 for as they were burning on Sunday. He has given them until October 1 to finish cleaning up.

Supervisor – Koviak

Correspondence:

Koviak received a letter from Enbridge, they will have clearing crews along the pipeline after September 5.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to accept and place the correspondence on file.

MOTION APPROVED

County Commissioner – Chris Brown

Brown said he is up for re-election in November. He would like to see more economic development and jobs in Cheboygan County.

The county is undergoing budget negotiations – has big decisions to make regarding the marina as major upgrades need to be made. The jail will reinstate in-house food service for the inmates. The EDC has been reactivated.

Public Comment – None

Next Meeting – October 6, 2016 – 7:00 pm

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to adjourn

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk