

BURT TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
September 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on September 2, 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

Guest: James Larson

Public Comment: None

Agenda – Harold Koviak
Addition: Hardwood Road

Minutes: August 5, 2010

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to accept the minutes of August 5, 2010 as published.

James Larson requested to change the Motion under Correspondence to read: “in regards to the letter Jim Larson sent to various people of the township.” Request granted.

Motion amended to add the above.

MOTION APPROVED

Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills totaling: \$21,254.84.

MOTION APPROVED

Old Business

Hoppies boat launch – Koviak

Indian River Contractors finished the gravel portion of the driveway. After the heavy rains there was a washout and Koviak had them come back and make the necessary repairs. An application needs to be sent to the road commission for approval of a fence around water basin. Also, BLPA would like a 2’ x 3’ sign warning about zebra mussels. They would also like signs at Sturgeon Bay, Maple Bay and other launch sites but will place a sign only at Hoppies this year.

Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities – McDougall

Still waiting for grant approval from the State of Michigan regarding renovations to the township hall.

Risk Management Report - Pillen

Art Pillen met with the risk management representative from the Par Plan. A letter will be forthcoming on access accommodations needed to the inside of the hall. Art informed him the township has applied for a grant for renovations to the outside of the hall.

Public Hearing on Abandonment of Birchwood Road - Koviak

Public Hearing is set for September 16, 2010, at 10 am at the Cheboygan County Road Commission office on abandonment and discontinuance of Birchwood Road between South Extension Road and I-75 with the exception of easterly 100 feet thereof for a turnaround requested by Scott Reimann, et al. Koviak will attend the Public Hearing.

New Business

Resolution Designating the Trail Committee as a Subcommittee of the Burt Township Board of Trustees

Attorney Tim MacArthur drafted a Resolution Designating the Trail Committee as a Subcommittee of the Burt Township Board of Trustees. Currently, the Trail Committee is a subcommittee of the Planning Commission. As a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Board may also be a member of the Trail Committee. All Trail committee members are volunteer positions and will remain so in the future.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik and supported by Pillen to designate the Trail Committee as a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees.

Roll call vote taken: Koviak – yes, Reimann – yes, Pillen – yes, Hodulik – yes, McDougall – yes

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Trail Committee – Pillen

Pillen attended the Trail Committee meeting on August 18, 2010, where the question of posting letters of support for the trail on the Burt Township website (burttownship.org) arose. James Larson asked if letters opposing the trail could be posted on the website, too. It was agreed by the Board that the website is source of information – not for debate, and it would be inappropriate to post any opinions for or against on the website.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik, not to post any letters, positive or negative, on the website.

MOTION APPROVED

Any letters from elected officials and organizations supporting the Burt Lake Trail will be removed from the website.

Correspondence - Koviak

Koviak noted that he has received 29 responses to correspondence to date; 9 for and 20 against the Trail. **Amend to read: 7 for and 22 against**

Larson asked to whom he should give the responses that he has received. Koviak said they should be given to the Board of Trustees.

MTA Meeting - Koviak and Pillen

Koviak and Pillen attended the MTA meeting on August 18, 2010. The topic was the Fair Tax.

Dry Hydrants

Several residents requested the Board address the issue of dry hydrants, whereby the fire Department is able to draw water from the lake through a tube placed out in the lake in 6 ft of

water. The tube then goes underground and comes up at the lake edge. Residents within 3 miles of a dry hydrant can get discounts on homeowner insurance.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to request the Planning Commission to explore the possibility of installing dry hydrants in Burt Township.

MOTION APPROVED

Hardwood Road

Property owners on Hardwood Road from W. Burt Lake Road to the water's edge have been having problems with their road being washed out this summer. Koviak inspected the road and the problem is partially due to a homeowner who owns the last 30 feet of the road and built a berm at the bottom of the road. The road needs to be redone but is cost prohibitive. The Road Commission will work on cleaning out the ditches to try to improve the situation in the short term.

Public Comment – none

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

APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk