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**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
September 3, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on September 3, 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: Chris Brown, Russ Elmhirst, Mike English, Jim Larson

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 1) Topinabee Fire Report – Mike English
- 2) East Side Transfer Station – Gene Hodulik

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Public Comment –

Russ Elmhirst said there are enough signatures for a Special Assessment District for Eagles Nest Road paving and asked if \$250,000 is a reasonable price. Koviak said the road is in good shape and has a good base so it may be a good number. He noted that Burt Township is not participating in the project.

Consent Agenda – Minutes and Bills

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

MOTION APPROVED

Unfinished Business

Mullett Township Resolution of Support – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Pillen to send a resolution of support to Mullett Township in support of their beach project. (Resolution #5-2015)

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

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Township e-mail Addresses – Koviak

The board discussed e-mail options and decided to begin the process of each board and committee member having his/her own e-mail address dedicated to township business.

MOTION: Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to contract with Chris Nye, who owns and upkeepes the Burt Township website to supply the board with 20-25 e-mail addresses.

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McDougall will contact Chris Nye and also ask about backing up capabilities.

Koviak noted he has a new e-mail address: hkoviak@hotmail.com

Board of Review – Koviak

Koviak said Bert Ebbers and Rene Kinney plan to resign from the Board of Review as of 12/31/2015 and replacements are needed. At this time he would like to appoint Brad Gerlach as Alternate to the Board of Review.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by McDougall to appoint Brad Gerlach as Alternate to the Board of Review for a two-year term.

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Topinabee Fire Dept. Report – Mike English

Mike reported that Topinabee has responded to 26 incidents this year, 7 of which were from the storm on 8/2/2015. Koviak told him about the proposed fire substation on Riggsville Rd./W. Burt Lake Rd. Mike English said he and Randy Bricker have already had conversations regarding the substation. Mike said he has 5-6 volunteers training with Pellston next week. They are also still looking at dry hydrants.

East Side Transfer Station – Hodulik

Hodulik said the recycling truck is getting stuck in the sand. The area needs to be dug out and filled with rocks and then afton stone. Koviak said he will call Indian River Contracting to fix the problem.

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Pillen

The Trail committee sent a request for an easement for the north side of the trail to U of M but has not had an answer yet. McDougall presented a breakdown of payments and expenses for the west side trail and suggested an amount of \$54,519.50 be returned to the Trail Account.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik to transfer overpayment of \$54,519.50 to the Burt Lake Trail Account at Citizens National Bank.

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As there is no business the next trail meeting scheduled for September 28, 2015 will be cancelled.

Zoning Administrator – Larson

Larson said he has been busy this summer. A recurrent problem he will bring up to the Planning Commission is that contractors are digging footings without permits. When Larson puts a stop work order on the project, they go get the permits after the fact. Larson would like them to have to come to a Planning meeting before allowing work to resume.

Supervisor – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to file the correspondence:

- 1) Road Commission minutes of July 16, 2015
- 2) Burt Lake Trail Parking Lot grant – final grant information

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County Commissioner Report – Chris Brown

Chris said the county has hired an interim director for Equalization. The security door problem has been resolved and will be manned during peak hours. The recycling program is having financial issues as non-participants are using the bins.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission – September 21, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Zoning Appeals Board – September 25, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Burt Lake Trail Meeting – September 28, 2015 – Cancelled

Board Meeting – October 1, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Public Comment - None

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk