

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MINUTES  
September 4, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on September 4, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

**ATTENDANCE:** Harold Koviak, Eugene Hodulik, Shirley Reimann, Arthur Pillen, Donna McDougall

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Russ Elmhirst, Jim Larson, Charles B. Strachan, Jack Blanchard, Barb Blanchard,

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:**

Bruce Strachan complained that his neighbors' renters were shooting guns all last weekend, and what can he do about it if it happens again. Koviak told him to call 911 to report the incident. Strachan asked if a shooting range could ever be approved in Burt Township. Koviak said it would have to go through the Planning Commission for approval.

**Agenda**

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Reimann to accept the minutes of August 7, 2014, as presented and payment of the bills.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Policies and Procedures – Koviak

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Koviak to hire Master Planner Mary Campbell to assist to preparation of a Township Board Policies and Procedures manual.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Complete Streets – Koviak

Mullett-Burt Road will be repaved in 2017. Koviak will get with Mary Campbell to get a copy of the Complete Streets information.

Road Resurfacing – Koviak

Due to the lateness of the season, Cheboygan County Road Commission will not be resurfacing (tar & chipping) Feather Lane and Mullett-Burt Road this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Grant Proposal- Koviak

Steve Vorenkamp requested that Burt Township support the Northwest Michigan Building Healthy Communities proposal to the Michigan Department of Community Health to support facilitating expansion of bike lanes and utilization of trail systems to improve and increase connectivity accessibility to essential community destinations and to increase active transportation and safe and affordable physical activity opportunities. The funds from the grant would go for trail repairs.

**MOTION:** Moved by Koviak, supported by Pillen to support the Northwest Michigan Building Healthy Communities proposal.

### **MOTION APPROVED**

Vorenkamp has also applied to the DNR Trust Fund to see if they would let Burt Township use the remaining monies to fix the West Side trail at the Jontz property, Indian Road, and the hill on Brutus Road. He has also talked the Road Commission to get a better grading on Brutus Road hill.

### Correspondence – Koviak

- 1) Charter Communications submitted their intent to renew their Franchise Agreement. McDougall will call Charter to see if they are currently serving any residents in Burt Township.
- 2) Cheboygan County MTA minutes
- 3) Cheboygan County Road Commission minutes of 8/7/2014
- 4) DNR letter dated August 15, 2014, re: RP13-407 Burt Lake Trailhead Development
- 5) DNR letter dated August 15, 2014, re: TF10-047 Burt Lake Non-Motorized Trail Development with attached Final Compliance Onsite Inspection Report

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

### **MOTION APPROVED**

### Maple Bay Boat Launch – Koviak

Maple Bay will be closed September 9 – 11 for warranty work.

### Burt Lake Trail – Pillen

The fence at the trailhead parking area on Brutus Road will be taken down on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> by volunteers in preparation of the improved parking area.

The next Trail meeting will be on Sept. 23, at 7:00 pm. Koviak will get someone from the Road Commission to attend the meeting.

### Planning Commission – Hodulik

The next meeting is on Sept. 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The amendment for accessory buildings will be discussed to be brought to the board for approval. **Correct to read: The proposed amendments for accessory buildings and signs and the proposed Master Plan 2014 Update will be discussed to be brought to the board for review and preliminary comment.**

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

Koviak thanked Jim Larson for his hard work this summer. The next meeting is Sept. 26, at 7:00 pm.

Zoning Administrator – Larson

The Quick (Babcock) property clean-up will be completed in three weeks. The DNR is in the process of trying to split the property on West Burt Lake Road. There were no opening bids in the August auction of this property.

Supervisor Report – Koviak

- 1) Reimann and Koviak attended the August MTA meeting. Prosecuting Attorney Vizina spoke about crime and drugs in Cheboygan County. Meth is now on the decline but heroin and cocaine use is on the rise. All crimes are related to drugs.
- 2) The 2015 MTA Conference is January 27-30 at the Devos Center in Grand Rapids. Registration is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3) NEMCOG will use the township hall on October 27, 6:00 pm for a meeting for planning officials and board members.

**Public Comment**

Russ Elmhirst asked where residents may dump brush as they are leaving it on the side of the road in front of other properties. Koviak said the Pleasantview transfer station is the only place to take brush.

Elmhirst asked if the cemetery markers have been ordered; Koviak said they are on order now.

The next meeting is October 2, 2014, at 7:00 pm.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk