

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
September 6, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on September 6, 2012, at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan 49721.

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

**ABSENT:** NONE

**GUESTS:** Russ Elmhirst, Mary Campbell, Janice Cheney, Nancy Fisher, Jim Larson, Tim MacArthur, Jim MacMillan, Greg Rotter, Mary Ann Ryan, Linda Socha, Gary Street, Dan Swantek, Becca Turner, Dan Ulrich NDG,

**AGENDA:** Koviak

Additions:

Old Business - None

New Business - Supervisor's Report

Deletions - None

**Public Comment on Agenda:** None

**Public Comment:**

1. Jim MacMillan said the August minutes are not on the website. He was informed that the minutes will be posted after board approval.
2. Jim MacMillan asked if the trail comments Linda Socha mentioned she received (July minutes) were also received by the board. Koviak said they were not sent to the board.

**Minutes:** August 2, 2012

**MOTION:** Moved by Pillen, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of August 2, 2012, as published.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Bills**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to pay the bills.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Township Hall Parking Area – Dan Ulrich, Northwest Design Group

The tree has been removed from the parking area, and Dan Ulrich presented the final design plans. The parking area will have 15 parking spaces, one of which is handicap accessible. Mr. Ulrich said the handicap ramp is too steep for ADA approval and will need to be adjusted. The plan is simplified from the original so costs should be lower.

The Board agreed to have Northwest Design Group solicit the bids and select the contractor. The job should take about six weeks and be ready for the General Election in November.

Internet Service – Pillen

HughesNet Internet has been installed at the hall.

**New Business**

Resolution: Keeping Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes – Gary Street

Street, along with Becca Turner from Freshwater Futures requested the Burt Township Board consider passing a resolution to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes. They plan to ask other townships, communities and the Burt Lake Preservation Assoc. to also consider passing this resolution. The resolution will be sent to the Army Corp of Engineers, Senators and Congressmen, etc.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to support the resolution: Keeping Asian Carp Out of the Great Lakes.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Gary Street noted that Burt Township is the first to pass this resolution.

Planning Commission – Gary Street

Street presented the proposed Amendment of Section 9.07.3 Penalties

Fee Recovery

- A. If the Township initiates a proceeding to abate, eliminate or enjoin a nuisance per se or any other violation of the Ordinance, in addition to any remedies available to it in law or equity, the Township shall be entitled to collect all costs and attorney fees incurred by it in bringing such as suit.
- B. If the Township enforces violations of this Ordinance as a municipal civil infraction, the Township shall be entitled to collect all costs and attorney fees incurred by it in such an enforcement action

A Public Hearing will be held on October 15, 2012.

Dangerous Buildings, Structures, and Facilities Ordinance – Gary Street

Street presented an ordinance designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of residents from any dangerous building that has been damaged by fire, wind, flood, or any other cause in such a manner that the structural strength or stability is appreciably less than it was before such damage and is less than the minimum requirements of the Housing Law of Michigan, and from any infrastructure facility which due to any natural cause or failure to maintain is no longer useful for the purpose for which it was originally intended or a similar purpose.

A sample time-line for removal of such buildings or structures was included. McDougall questioned the extensive time allowed for such removal – up to 14 months. Street said this is a long time but owners would have to file an Action Plan if not corrected within 14 days and also request hearings. Koviak said he liked the time-line as it puts the responsibility of clean-up on the owner as opposed to the Burt Township Board.

Koviak suggested getting the County involved in inspections.

This is a stand-alone ordinance, not part of the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Pillen to adopt the Burt Township Dangerous Buildings, Structures, and Facilities Ordinance as presented.

Discussion – none

Roll call vote: Reimann – yes; Pillen – yes; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

(Ordinance 2012-4)

Burt Lake Trail – Art Pillen

The redesign of the trail along W. Burt Lake Road is ongoing. \$140,231.25 now in pledges and cash.

MTA – Koviak

Koviak and Pillen attended the MTA meeting in August. The planned speaker could not attend. Koviak announced his plan to run for MTA Representative for Charlevoix/Emmet/Cheboygan Counties.

Supervisor Report – Koviak

1. DEQ sent a letter to FEMA supporting Burt Township's enrollment in the National Flood Insurance Program by FEMA.
2. Maple Bay Public Notice – DNR has applied to the Corp of Engineers for the boat ramp. Public Comment was requested.
3. Service Road – will not be brined due to lateness of the season
4. Crack sealing on Mullet-Burt Road will cost \$500
5. Kohler Township also elected not to place a millage question on the November ballot for the Indian River Library.

**Public Comment:**

1. Swantek said his ditch along his road is filled with trees from the recent storm. Koviak said it is up to the County to clean the ditch and may be done this fall.
2. Linda Socha said that due to restructuring, the Sheriff's Dept. will be able to add another patrolman.

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

**APPROVED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall  
Clerk