

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2020**

Note: Minutes transcribed by Clerk from tape.

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on February 14, 2020 at 2:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, Cheboygan, Michigan.

**PRESENT:** Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Katie Parker, Eugene Hodulik

Absent: Donna McDougall (excused)

Also Attending: Tim MacArthur, Fred Lindroth, Jim Larson, Mary Ellen Tryban

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to accept the Agenda with the following additions to New Business: Millage renewals.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**CONSENT AGENDA - Minutes of January 2, 2020 and payment of the bills.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the minutes of January 2, 2020, as presented and payment of the bills.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Poverty Exemption Resolution – will be completed at the March 5, 2020 meeting.

Millages Renewals for Operating, Fire and Roads – MacArthur

MacArthur prepared the Resolutions authorizing placement of the Fire, Operating and Road Millages renewal propositions on the ballot for the Primary Election on August 4, 2020. (0.5 mills for each)

The millages will be for the period 2020-2023.

MacArthur will add the dollar amount to be levied after the Board of Review meets in March.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the resolution authorizing the millage renewal (0.5 mills) for general Operating Expenses for four (4) years, 2020-2023, inclusive, to be placed on the ballot for the Primary Election on August 4, 2020. Resolution 2020-1

**MOTION APPROVED**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the resolution authorizing the millage renewal (0.5 mills) for the Fire Fund for four (4) years, 2020-2023, inclusive, to be placed on the ballot for the Primary Election on August 4, 2020. Resolution 2020-2

**MOTION APPROVED**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the resolution authorizing the millage renewal (0.5 mills) for general the Road Account for four (4) years, 2020-2023, inclusive, to be placed on the ballot for the Primary Election on August 4, 2020. Resolution 2020-3

**MOTION APPROVED**

MacArthur said he would deliver the Resolutions to the County Clerk's office by April 28, 2020 in order to have them placed on the ballot.

AMAR Audit – Koviak

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to table the Resolution for audit procedures until the March 5, 2020 meeting.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Fire Protection for the East Side – Koviak

Koviak and Hodulik met with Mullett Township Supervisor Hobart Kirsch , Dennis Dombroski, Fire Chief Mike English, Brian Wallace and the Assistant Fire Chief to discuss options for fire protection for the East Side.

The notion of a Fire Authority was discussed but, with after further investigation and talking with MTA directors and others, Koviak felt this was not a good option as the township board would have no input in raising funds such as millages to support the fire department. Instead, Koviak feels that an Intertownship Agreement, such as done with the cemetery, would be in Burt Township's best interest. Beaugrand Township, as well as other townships, have Intertownship Agreements for fire protection. This Intertownship Agreement would consist of a Fire Board which would have two members from each Township board and one member at large from each township to plan the budget for each year. They would have no authority to raise funds but would bring suggestions to each township board.

The present agreement with Mullet Township for fire protection expires in one year.

2019-2020 Budget Adjustments – Koviak for McDougall

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the following adjustments to the budget:

Decrease: Township Hall expenses from \$25,000 to \$24,500

Increase: Supervisor Expenses from \$7,000 to \$7,500

Move \$400.00 from Contingency to the Liquor Fund.

**MOTION APPROVED**

East Burt Lake Road Paving – Koviak

The Cheboygan County Road Commission will build 2' shoulders on each side of the road when they repave East Burt Lake Road in 2020. They will pave an addition 3' of the shoulders on each side of the road for an additional \$85,000.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to contract with the Cheboygan County Road Commission to pave an additional 3' of the shoulders on East Burt Lake Road at a cost of \$85,000.00 to be paid from the general fund.

Roll Call vote taken: Reimann – yes; Parker – yes; Hodulik – yes; Koviak – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

## **Reports**

### Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

Phase II - Hodulik will be meeting with OHM regarding trail paving this spring.

Phase III - Margie Reh talked to Lindsay Ross, Trust Fund Coordinator who suggested applying for a grant through the Recreational Passport program. A grant was approved for \$152,000 from this fund. Between this and the MDOT funds, there may be enough to complete Phase III.

Margie Reh submitted bills totaling \$150,000 for reimbursement.

### Planning Commission – Hodulik

The Planning Commission approved the proposed Solar Energy Ordinance and submitted it to the board for approval.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Solar Energy Ordinance as submitted.

**MOTION APPROVED**

### Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

February 28, 2020 ZBA meeting cancelled to lack of agenda.

### Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

Larson said things are picking up as individuals are looking at spring projects.

### Supervisor's Report – Koviak

Koviak will attend the Capitol Conference at the end of the month to meet with State senators.

### County Commissioner's Report – Mary Ellen Tryban

County Board information:

- The county adopted their budget in December
- John Wallace was elected Board Chair in 2019 for two years
- Sheriff's department purchased three new vehicles this year
- The County building has a new telephone system
- The County adopted a resolution supporting the Second Amendment
- The County Finance director is leaving his position

Koviak said he has been trying to contact Jeff Lawson regarding the township obtaining a loan to pave Birchwood Road this year and has not had any reply. Mary Ellen said the county may be close to being out of funds for loans.

## **2020-2021 Budget**

Board members discussed the budget. If enough funds are available in the General Fund, Koviak would like the following improvements: pave Birchwood Road, improve entrance and

accessibility to the hall, 3-4 percent increases for Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk. Assessor will be paid \$15 for each assessment card (approx. \$3,500).

Cash on hand at present is \$498,000 but will need to pay for Sturgeon Bay Road paving when it is completed this year. The Burt Lake Trail fund owes the general fund \$100,000.

Next meeting: March 5, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann to adjourn.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk