

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Chair Harold Koviak on April 11, 2019, at 1:42 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Attendance: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Katie Parker, Eugene Hodulik, Donna McDougall

Absent: None

Also Attending: Russ Elmhirst, Brad Gerlach, Sharon Gerlach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerlach, Dave Hutto, Jim Larson, Fred Lindroth, Tim MacArthur

Chair Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Agenda with the following changes: Add: Non-Partisan Resolution; and Delete: Zoning Ordinance Amendments as the revisions need to be sent to the Cheboygan County Planning Commission for comment prior to being decided by the Burt Township board.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of March 7, 2019, as presented and payment of the bills.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mullett-Burt Road Boat Launch - Hodulik

Hodulik spoke with Dave Boyle (OHM) who said the plan was sent to the DEQ and they are now awaiting approval. The board directed Hodulik to contact Boyle and tell him to let the bids with the caveat that that the DEQ must approve the plan before construction.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2019-2020 Budget – McDougall

The Public Hearing on the budget was held prior to the board meeting and no comments were given.

**MOTION:** Moved by McDougall, supported by Reimann to approve the 2019-2020 budget with anticipated revenues and cash totaling \$1,174,699.84 and anticipated expenses totaling \$577,000.00 as presented. (Resolution 2019-5)

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Property Split - Lindroth

Barbara Justice and Jeffery Sherman – 4234 Agnes Rd – property for split is 4273 S. Extension Rd.

Lindroth explained this property was originally two parcels and combined into one in 2005. The owners now want to split it again. One parcel will be 13 acres and the other 15 acres.

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the lot split for Barbara Justice and Jeffery Sherman for their property at 4273 S. Extension Rd. as presented.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Road Bids – Koviak

The bid from the Road Commission for Sturgeon Bay Road came in the same at \$194,700.00 as all the culverts except one needs to be redone and the DEQ requires the area be seeded. Brad Gerlach noted the road gets a lot of use from township residents due to the boat launch. The Road Commission will give the township \$25,000 from its millage fund. The Road Millage Account has \$185,376.84.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to contract with the Cheboygan Road Commission to pave Sturgeon Bay Road from Eagles Nest Road to the end of the public road at a cost of \$194,700.00 using \$185,376.84 from the township's Road Millage account and \$9,323.16 from the Cheboygan County Road Commission's matching funds.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The Road Commission submitted an estimate for crushed rock for Poxson Road at a cost of \$20,900.00.

**MOTION:** Moved by Koviak, supported by Parker to put crushed rock on Poxson Road at a cost of \$20,900.00 from the Road Maintenance line item.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Other roads to be improved this year from the Road Maintenance account are repaving Stratford Lane and Needles Road and putting crushed rock on Mundt Road.

OHM Contract for Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

Hodulik presented OHM's 2019 contract for continuation of Phases III and IV (Riggsville Rd. to Birchwood Rd., and E. Burt Lakes Road from Birchwood Rd. to Mullett-Burt Rd.) in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to contract with OHM for 2019 for Phases III and IV in the amount of \$5,000.00 which will be taken from the Trail Account (donated funds).

**MOTION APPROVED**

MTA Survey: Option for Non-Partisan Township Offices – Koviak

MTA is surveying townships for interest in non-partisan township offices.

**MOTION:** Moved by Reimann, supported by Hodulik to oppose optional non-partisan township elections.

Discussion: Parker said she feels townships should not be constrained by politics. McDougall said she feels that although some officials are elected solely based on political affiliation, the board decides how tax payers money is spent and should reflect their wishes. (Resolution 2019-6)

Roll Call vote taken: Reimann – yes; Parker – no; Hodulik – yes; McDougall – yes; Koviak – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Burt Lake Trail Committee Members – Hodulik

The Burt Lake Trail Committee needs to add members as Mac Richardson will not be able to participate until August due to surgery and the passing of Jim Valrance.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by McDougall to appoint Katie Parker, Bert Ebbers and Gary Street to the Burt Lake Trail Committee.

**MOTION APPROVED**

(Note: Katie Parker abstained from voting.)

Burt Lake Trail Public Hearing Minutes – March 7, 2019

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann to approve the Burt Lake Trail Committee Public Hearing Minutes of March 7, 2019, as presented

**MOTION APPROVED**

## **Reports**

Planning Commission – Hodulik

Beckett & Raeder, who is preparing the Master Plan survey emailed it to board members for comment. It still needs to be determined if it will be sent out to each resident or one per household.

ZBA - Koviak

The April ZBA meeting has been cancelled due to lack of agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Larson

Larson said he has had several calls for additions and garages so far this year.

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

Koviak has been elected to the MTA Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Attorney Tim MacArthur gave a report on facts from the MTA legal educational seminar from the conference:

- 690 new Public Acts were introduced last year; 348 of which were passed, and 342 of them were passed during the lame duck session.

- Not many changes for municipalities but there will be new fireworks legislation, and MacArthur is looking at the township's ordinance to see if it needs updating
- Regarding Medical Marihuana, townships may not regulate it if they opted in (Burt Township did not opt in)
- Moratoriums are not recognized in Federal court
- Single purpose groups are looking for property tax exemptions such as disabled veterans currently have.

MacArthur will put together a memo with more information for townships.

MacArthur said he is increasing his hourly rate from \$150 to \$180 (his first increase since 2008) as of April 1, from 2018-2019.

**MOTION:** Moved by Koviak, supported by Parker to continue with Tim MacArthur for the township's legal counsel at an hourly rate of \$180.00 for 2019-2020.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Lindroth said the township will need to hire and train someone to answer questions regarding assessments in the event he is out of the country or incapacitated.

Additionally, two small townships may get together to hold one Board of Review. This will help small townships who have problems getting and training Board of Review members.

Next meeting is May 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 3:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk