**BURT TOWNSHIP**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 6, 2019**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Chair Harold Koviak on June 6, 2019, at 7:00 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:  Virginia Chenevere, Aaron Gauthier, Jim Larson

Chair Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.  
  
**AGENDA:    
MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann, to approve the Agenda with the following additions: New Business: 1) Intertownship Agreement for Fire Protection with Mullett Township and, 2) BLPA Update.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** -

Aaron Gauthier, Cheboygan County Circuit Court Judge appointed by former Governor Snyder to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Pavlich. Judge Gauthier said his priorities include improvement of the jury selection process and respect of laws and ordinances passed as written without bias. Judge Gauthier plans to visit all Cheboygan County townships each year.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of May 2, 2019, and the Special Board Meeting of May 20, 2019, as presented and payment of the bills.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Hoppies Boat Launch – Koviak

Koviak spoke to Randy August (Indian River Contractors), and he will pull the cement slabs out at the boat launch but needs approval from the DEQ. He plans to bid on repairing the boat launch later this summer.

The parking area part of the project will be scaled back due to the Road Commission repairing East Burt Lake Road next year and with the slabs removed, the new bids should be less.

Summer Newsletter - Koviak

The articles are written and 1000 copies will be given to Reimann next weekend for inclusion with the tax bills.

Spring Clean Up Day - Koviak

June 15th at the west side transfer station from 9 am to 4 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Intertownship Agreement for Fire Protection with Mullett Township – Koviak

Tim MacArthur drew up an agreement that goes until May 2020 at a cost of $30,100 per year.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Intertownship Agreement for Fire Protection with Mullett Township at a fee of $30,100.00 per year for the years 2019 and 2020.

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

**MOTION APRPOVED**

BLPA – Parker

* BLPA considered hiring a grad student to conduct a PFAS analysis of Burt Lake but decided not to do it because of the excessive cost.
* BLPA did a swimmer’s itch survey of waterfront residents with a 25 percent return rate – Most residents felt it wasn’t a big problem except those from the White Goose Bay area.
* No action has been taken on the DNR property on West Burt Lake Road.
* PFAS testing will be done in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties.

**Reports**

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

* The route for Phase III was staked out on Tuesday.
* A donation for $10,000 was received from DALMAC group.
* The bid for Phase II will be awarded before the end of the month.
* The paving for the “Street” hill is complete.

Planning Commission – Hodulik

* The Master Plan Update survey was mailed to all property owners with a requested reply date of August 1, 2019. The results will be presented to the Planning Commission at the September meeting.
* The Zoning Ordinance amendments on signs and cargo containers was sent to the Township Board and returned to the Planning Commission with recommendations for changes. It was again revised and approved by the Planning Commission and sent to the County Planning Commission for comment
* The next topic under discussion is solar energy. John Iacoangelli from Beckett & Raeder will bring a pared down version of the County’s approved ordinance for Burt Township.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

Two variances for pole barns were approved at the April ZBA meeting - Fritz Klingler, 2229 Peace Trail, Topinabee and John A Wernis, 4371 S. Extension Road, Cheboygan.

Zoning Administrator’ Report – Larson

Larson said he disagrees with Beckett & Raeder’s opinion on non-conforming residential structures. The board agreed that the zoning ordinance should remain as written on this subject for the present.

Supervisor’s Report – Koviak

Koviak ordered six “No parking” signs for Maple Bay Road from the Cheboygan County Road Commission, and they will be installed before July 4th.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eon Lavender, 11th grader from Cheboygan High School attended the meeting. He said the meeting was very interesting.

Virginia Chenevere asked when the trailer on the East Side when will be moved. Larson said it will be removed soon.

Next meeting - July 2, 2019 – 7:00 pm

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk