

**NOTICE
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**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
July 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on July 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Katie Parker, Gene Hodulik, Christy Kozlowski
Absent: None

Also Attending: Tim McArthur township attorney, Fred Lindroth township assessor, Renee Kinney Russ Elmhirst, James Lozier

AGENDA - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Agenda with two additions: Board Resolution for Poverty Exemption and Cheboygan County Emergency Survey

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PUBLIC COMMENT - Question as to what controls the elevation (water levels) of Burt Lake. Per Parker, a previous BLPA newsletter discussed water levels and the dam has very little effect

CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes of June 3, 2021, and Payment of the Bills

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve payment of bills and the minutes of the June 3rd meeting

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Fire Agreement with Mullett Township – Koviak

Hodulik and Parker met with Mullett Township Trustees on June 28, 2021 and each side presented

- Mullett did not want to go with the proposed \$50,000 with compounding interest offer
- Mullett is now asking 1 mill versus the original 1.5 mill (the .5 mill allocated for long range savings and debt – fire trucks, equipment, etc.). 1 mill for west side is approximately \$113,000 plus \$30,000 from the last time we paid them = \$143,000. Begin to level out over the next few years so each township pays roughly the same amount
- Burt Township offer would be \$50,000 for 2021, up to \$68,000 in 2022, and year 3 would be 1 mill of the value of the property on the east side
- Mullett is asking for a 10-year contract with a 10-year renewal
- Still concern over the fact that Mullett is asking Burt to pay the same amount as Mullett residents, but Burt Township is only 1/3 of their runs means Burt is paying more
- Assumption by Mullett that Burt would successfully go to taxpayers and pass a 1 mill fire tax, survey to taxpayers is recommended and at the end of second year, see what the expenses are in the first two years and adjust up or down
- Needs to be based on if the Burt Township 1 mill is passed so suggesting a 3-year contract

- Mullett asked Burt to respond by July 12th, 2021 but Burt needs another meeting with the Mullett Trustees to discuss the contract further based on the discussion today and get a survey out to residents
- Burt does have 9 firemen that live in the township and this should be presented to Mullett as well
- Koviak will ask Randolph Bricker to the next meeting to discuss the plans that were drawn up previously for proposed fire station building
- Based on the last Burt Township survey (from the Master Plan), residents rated fire protection as follows: Fire protection is adequate – Strongly agree = 11%, Agree = 31%, Neutral = 44%, Disagree = 10%, Strongly disagree - 4%

2. Corner Property at Crump/Burt-Mullett Road

- MacArthur sent letter to Melissa Kendzierski on June 24, 2021 along with an email the same day but no response has been received yet
- Renee Kinney shared a letter regarding the shared well and water well easement agreement
- Currently in a holding pattern – we need phase I and phase II assessments from EGLE
- MacArthur needs a statement from the State of Michigan holding Burt Township harmless for any future clean up needs
- MacArthur – need to understand what surface development will be built on the property by EGLE. Per Kinney she was told it would be minimal and some of the monitor wells will remain. Kinney will reach out to Melissa Kendzierski to get this all in writing

3. Big Dump Day Report

- Dump day was on the West side
- 152 tires, 4.5 loads of compacted trash (one of which was metal)
- Cost was \$3,752.50 and the Township received \$1,200 donation from the BLPA
- 2022 dump day will be the same time but on the East side
- There were some complaints with traffic, suggesting having someone direct traffic for future dump days

NEW BUSINESS

1. Contract with Huron Engineers

- Hodulik met with the pre-construction trail meeting yesterday and is presenting the contract for Phase III construction of the trail for \$51,440 which is approximately 10% of the cost of the project (\$507,777) – J&N Construction company also built Phase II
- The Trail Committee has the funds to pay the full contract through contributions and matching funds

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Kozlowski that Burt Township approve the contract with Huron Engineers for \$51,440 to be paid by the Trail Committee Fund

Roll call: Hodulik – yes, Parker – yes, Reimann – yes, Kozlowski – yes, Koviak – yes

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2. Cheboygan Co. Humane Society

- Received a packet/contract from the Cheboygan Humane Society to contribute \$1,500 for animal control services for the year

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik that Burt Township contribute \$1,500 to the Cheboygan County Humane Society for their Animal Control Program

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3. Poverty Exemption

- There was a change regarding the Board of Review having the ability to override the poverty exemption guidelines but that is no longer the case so that language has been removed

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the Township Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

Roll call: Hodulik – yes, Parker – yes, Reimann – yes, Kozlowski – yes, Koviak – yes

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4. Cheboygan County Emergency Survey

- Survey received at MTA chapter meeting, Kozlowski to compile responses from board members and email back to Jeremy Runstrom

REPORTS

Burt Lake Trail Committee – Hodulik

- Construction on Phase III to begin August 2 and should be complete by early October
- Next meeting July 26th

Planning Commission – Hodulik

- Next meeting July 8th, accessory buildings and fire pits still on agenda

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

- One appeal from the last meeting
- Next meeting July 16th

Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

- N/A

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- N/A

County Commissioner – Mary Ellen Tryban

Not present

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Next meeting August 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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

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Respectfully submitted,
Christy Kozłowski, Clerk