

NOTICE

BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES August 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak

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, Susan Budzinski, Randolph Bricker Pellston fire chief

AGENDA - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Agenda with deletion of planning amendments (public hearing needed first) and additions of Merit Renewal and internet discussion

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT – Fred Lindroth asked that the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution be re-signed due to deletion of a sentence.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes of July 1, 2021, and Payment of the Bills

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve payment of bills and the minutes of the July 1st meeting

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fire Agreement with Mullett Township – Koviak

Hodulik comments on rough draft from Tim McArthur:

- Sent copy of rough draft to Mike Goerke and Brett Lindgren from Mullet Township
- Part 1 of draft contract – need to add the Burt Township sections to be included in the agreement: 1-3, 10-14, 23-26, 35-36, plus the north end, including the 4-5 houses on the west side of Roberts Rd
- Re payments – Revise second payment verbiage of “no later than March 31” to “six months after the first payment” which would be in November
- Current draft contract is for 5 years versus the 10 years previously discussed
 - Per McArthur, existing millage runs 2020 – 2023 and the township should consider a 3-year contract or a 5-year contract with the intent to pay the extra ½ mill even if it doesn’t pass
- Need language added: First quarter of calendar year, when we need to renew 1 mill on the ballot, townships would review the cost and determine if there needs to be an increase or decrease in the mill

- Need language to address the possibility of the 1 mill not getting approved by the taxpayers – should result in termination of the contract
- Intent is to put the ½ increase to the mill on the August 2022 ballot and in the interim, the Township will issue a survey to the residents about what they will be paying and the importance of it

Randolf Bricker asked if Pellston will get the same as Mullet. Per Koviak, they will get the 1 mill if it passes but won't get any more until that happens. If Pellston would like to bring a proposal to the Township for the next two years it will be reviewed and voted on by the Board.

Corner Property at Crump/Burt-Mullett Road

- Tim McArthur received a letter from EGLE and addresses previous concerns
- EGLE is requesting that Burt Township write a letter to confirm our intent to continue with the property purchase/transfer and for EGLE to proceed with the Baseline Environmental Assessment – Kozlowski to draft and send the confirmation letter to EGLE and copy Renee Kinney
- Kinney asked if the Board has decided on swap price
 - Kinney property, per assessment, is estimated at \$12,000, with no environmental contamination
 - The Board will have the Burt property assessment by the next meeting and a decision can be made on price

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Reiman to provide written request for the Baseline Environmental Assessment

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Franchise with PIE & G for fiber

- Request for the franchise ordinance (currently to supply electric) to be updated to include the development and service of broadband internet

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve updated PIE&G franchise ordinance

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

Merit Renewal

- Burt Township entered into a free, one year membership with Merit with the possibility of accessing the Merit internet service. After the first year, membership fees apply unless the township provides a written request at least 30 days prior to the end of the current term

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to send Merit written request of membership termination

Internet Discussion

- Burt Township make Cheboygan County aware of our internet discussion/concerns
- Suggestion for Allen Kozlowski to send a letter to Tom Sobek, PIE&G to see if there are plans to expand coverage. Cheboygan should be cc'd – Jeff Lawson and Sue Buitenhuis

Burt Lake Trail Committee – Hodulik

- Construction was supposed to start on Monday, Hodulik called and they said they would start next week
- Slowinski, who mowed Phase I, will also mow Phase II of the trail
- Still have a problem at the gorge. Brent Shank looked at it and said there is nothing they can do. Hodulik to meet with Spierling to see what else can be done – possibly dig out sand and replace with crushed rock

Planning Commission – Hodulik

- Public hearing is scheduled at 6:45pm, September 9, before the regular meeting. [Accessory buildings](#) sizes, definition of living area, fire pits, etc.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

- Three appeals

Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

- Very busy year, currently at 32 for the year (last year it was October when we hit 32)

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- MTA Summit in UP is September 13-14. Parker, Lindroth, and Koviak are planning to attend
- Next MTA on the road meeting is September 21st at Inverness, 7pm

County Commissioner – Mary Ellen Tryban

Not present

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Next meeting September 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Kozlowski, Clerk