

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
January 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on January 11, 2018, at 2:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

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

Absent: None

Also Attending: Gary Street, Mike English, Brad Gerlach, Sherry Gerlach, Bob Gerlach, Jim Larson

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the agenda with the following addition: Topinabee Fire Department Report and remove: Parks & Recreation Plan and Vegetation Strip.

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Gerlach, Brad and Sherry Gerlach attended the meeting to request that Sturgeon Bay Road be considered for paving. Mr. Gerlach said part of this road is in Burt Township, part is in Tuscarora Township and part of it is a private road. Koviak said the part of the road that is private would not be considered for paving by the township but he will get a windshield estimate from the Road Commission. Brad Gerlach asked if the DNR would consider upgrading the boat launch. Koviak said he would ask them.

CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes and Bills

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of December 7, 2017 as presented and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinances and Amendments – Koviak

Koviak said Mary Campbell has returned from her trip and he will call her to see if she has any township ordinances and amendments for the files.

Recreation Plan and Ordinance Amendment Adoption – Koviak

The Update to the Parks & Recreation Plan required proper noticing so adoption needs to be postponed one week. The amendment for the Vegetation Strip will be postponed also.

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Parker to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of adopting the Update to the Parks and Recreation Plan and adoption of the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance amendment on Vegetation Strips.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission Appointment – Koviak

Chris Kindsvatter's term on the Planning Commission expires in January 2018. He has decided to pursue other interests at this time so will not be available for another term

Koviak suggested appointing Allen Kozlowski for a 3-year term on the Planning Commission and re-appointing Kim Kihnke for 3-year term for the Zoning Board of Appeals

An alternate for the ZBA is still needed.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to appoint Allen Kozlowski for a 3-year term (2018-2021) on the Planning Commission and re-appoint Kim Kihnke for a 3-year term (2018-2021) term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION APPROVED

On behalf of the Burt Township Board, Koviak expressed his thanks for the time and expertise Chris Kindsvatter gave to the Burt Township Planning Commission.

Jay Jontz will chair the Planning Commission for 2018.

Burt Lake Trail Three -year Trail Maintenance Plan – Gary Street

Gary Street asked board member to keep an eye out for Consumers Energy cutting trees along the trail because the last time they cut trees, they made a mess of the trail, and although they made restitution it was a long process.

Gary Street submitted a three-year maintenance plan and explained the rationale for the required paving of hills.

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by McDougall to approve the maintenance funding for the budget year 2018-2019.

MOTION APPROVED

2018 Meeting Dates – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Reimann, supported by Parker to approve the following 2018 meeting dates.

January 11, 2018 – 2:00 pm
February – No Meeting
March 1, 2018 – 2:00 pm
April 5, 2018 – Public Hearing 1:30 pm
April 5, 2018 - Regular Meeting 2:00 pm
May 3, 2018 – 7:00 pm
June 7, 2018 – 7:00 pm
July 5, 2018 – 7:00 pm
August 2, 2018 – 7:00 pm
September 6, 2018 – 7:00 pm
October 4, 2018 – 7:00 pm

November 1, 2018 – 7:00 pm
December 5, 2018 – 2:00 pm
January 3, 2019 – 2:00 pm
February 2019 - No Meeting

MOTION APPROVED

Topinabee Fire Report – Mike English

Mr. English submitted a very detailed report for 2017. They had a total of 139 runs which included 10 fires (6 in Burt Township). Their plan for 2018 is to move their fire hall. They will all be first responders this year.

REPORTS

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

All of the documents for the grants are complete but still awaiting the signed U of M easement to come back.

Northwest Design Group was bought out by OHM effective January 1, 2018. There should be no changes with the new company as they do the same type of work.

DNR Trust Fund will hold seminars on applying for grant funding. One will be held on January 25, 2018 in St. Ignace and is open to the public. Dave Boyle is planning to attend.

Planning Commission – Koviak

Jay Jontz is the new chair. Allen Kozlowski has joined the committee.

A Signs ordinance is the next topic.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Larson

Two or three appeals will be reviewed at the February 23, 2018 meeting

Upcoming Meetings

Special Board Meeting – January 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Next Regular Board Meeting – March 1, 2018 at 2:00 pm

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to adjourn

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk

