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**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
May 3, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on May 3, 2018, at 7:01 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: Brad Gerlach, Bob Gerlach, Virginia Chenevere, Fred Lindroth, Dave Hutto, Jackie Howell, Tim MacArthur, Karen Johnson, Jim Larson

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the agenda with the following additions: Addendum to trail contract for archeological study.

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fred Lindroth presented a report on Assessing Reform Proposal Summary suggesting the phasing out of assessing at the township level. He said this proposal calls for Level III and Level IV only assessors in Michigan, and townships with fewer than 5,000 parcels will be assessed by the county. (Burt Township has 1340-1350 parcels.) No township in Cheboygan County has more than 5,000 parcels so all assessing will be conducted at the county level. Fred suggested township officials and residents contact Rep. Sue Allor and Senator Wayne Schmitt to advise them this is not a good plan for townships. According to Koviak, MTA is also against this plan. MacArthur said that since this is an election year, it will probably be pushed through during the lame duck session rather than before any elections.

Brad Gerlach thanked the board for obtaining a bid for paving Sturgeon Bay Road. Koviak said he found out that the boat ramp is owned by the road commission, and not the DNR as previously thought.

Consent Agenda – Minutes and Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Budget and the regular board minutes both on April 5, 2018, and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business

Great Lakes Energy Franchise - Koviak

MacArthur wrote a legal opinion on adoption of the proposed Great Lakes Energy Franchise ordinance. This is a 30-year, non-exclusive franchise and either party may opt out of it with 60 days notice. This ordinance rescinds any prior ordinance in conflict and has a hold harmless agreement for the township.

Koviak said Great Lakes Energy is putting internet on their lines in Emmet County and may expand in the future.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to adopt the 30 year, proposed Great Lakes Energy Franchise Agreement as presented.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Approval of March Trail Public Hearing Minutes – Hodulik

The DNR Trust Fund grant application was submitted but was flagged due to needing approval of the Public Hearing minutes of March 12, 2018.

MOTION: Moved by McDougall, supported by Parker to approve the Public Hearing minutes of March 12, 2018 as published.

MOTION APPROVED

Road Ends - Koviak

Scott Reimann will be hired to do clean up work at road ends at Mundt Road, Roberts Road, White Goose, and Mullett-Burt Road. BLPA sponsors a trash barrel at Hoppies and Bob Babcock takes care of emptying it.

Property tax Newsletter - Koviak

Topics for the Summer Newsletter: Roads (resurfacing Needles and Stratford Lane); trail update; recycling; website; zoning administrator report (signs); septic survey. Koviak said nothing can be in the newsletter about the road millage that will be on the August ballot.

Annual Spring Clean Up Day - a.k.a. Big Dump Day - Koviak

Big Dump Day will be on June 16, 2018 at the transfer station on the East Side (Crump Road) He will ask BLPA to co-sponsor event again.

Reports

Trail – Hodulik

Phase II - still waiting for easement from U of M. MacArthur wrote a letter to the U of M Real Estate Division and was told they are writing their own version of the easement agreement. Greg Walz is working on the archeological study.

The Trust Fund grants have been submitted for Phases III and IV. The MDOT grant is ready to be submitted.

Planning Commission – Hodulik

The next meeting is May 14 at 7:00 pm. Discussion topics are signs, septic survey and solar energy farms. Commissioner Karen Johnson said the county is also researching solar energy farms.

ZBA –Koviak

The next meeting is May 25 at 7:00 pm. No variance requests have been submitted.

Zoning Administrator Report - Larson

Larson said he has had many phone calls. Mr. Berakovich has cleaned up his pole barn area. Larson said he has sent out letters to residents with green belt restrictions not to fertilize in this area.

Supervisor's Report - Koviak

Koviak, Larson and Parker attended the MTA Conference in Traverse City. Koviak said there were 1150 attendees this year. Next year the conference is in Grand Rapids April 1-4. The policy platform was passed as written. There are several bills pending, one on septic but nothing will probably happen in the near future and anything the township passes will be null and void. Michigan is the only state without a septic tank code. Koviak presented the Cheboyan County Road Commission Annual Report.

County Commissioner's Report - Karen Johnson

Karen said she is running for re-election. The county has a new finance director and a new planning and zoning director. The county is looking at cutting back the marina project as it is too expensive. The jail project is underway. The Gold Front building will be demolished.

Public Comment – None

Next meeting: June 7, 2018 - 7:00 pm

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

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk