

**NOTICE
THESE ARE THE UNAPPROVED
BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
January 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order at 2:00 pm by Supervisor Harold Koviak

PRESENT: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Christy Kozlowski, Gene Hodulik, Katie Parker

ABSENT: None

Also Attending: Jim Larson (Zoning Administrator), Marty Cheney, Mike English, Jeff Ostman, Gina Keough, Richard Raftery, Rick Selva, Fred Lindroth (Assessor)

AGENDA - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the agenda with the addition of Mike English Report and proposed Verizon tower at the **West** transfer station

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

Rick Selva – new chair for Republican Party, offered assistance if the Township needs anything, and said they have open precinct delegate slots, some for Burt Township

Richard Raftery – questioned what the Township knows about Maple Bay and the proposed Indian Village Historic village to be voted on January 12 – four houses are private property along with another. Concerned what effect it will have on property value. Zoom meeting to be held January 20th in Lansing regarding the vote. Koviak did receive the letter and will share with the Board - Board to look into it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of December 1, 2022

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the bills

TREASURERS REPORT – As of December 2022

Certificates of Deposit	
Citizens National Bank	\$26,211.15
Citizens National Bank	\$28,337.17 (2-year bond)
PNC	<u>\$54,743.58</u>
Total CD's	\$109,291.90
Savings	
General	\$381,361.71
ARPA	\$0
Checking	\$10,741.93

Citizens: Trail Account \$2,216.26
Citizens: Maintenance Acct \$82,583.19

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Kozlowski to approve the treasurers report as presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Road Projects for 2023

- Already approved Indian Rd and Crump Road to be tar and chipped
- Koviak and Hodulik met with Road commission regarding Cedar Drive – breaking it into a 2-year project due to cost
- Estimates requested for Cedar drive – to be broken into two sections/two year: one is the section by the lake and the other is Deerfield Lane – 1,911 feet for \$27,100 and 2,635 feet for \$37,500
- Koviak and Hodulik propose doing this in addition to Indian and Crump Roads

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Cedar Road 2-year project for a total cost of \$64,600

Roll call taken: Reimann – yes; Hodulik – Yes; Parker – Yes; Kozlowski – yes; Koviak – yes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Recreational Plan

- Per Hodulik – page 12 is still incomplete and page 31 – Phase one and Phase two to be added to page 12, along with a header added to the last row
- Koviak suggested that the Board either send it back and book a special meeting to approve or approve pending the changes discussed

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the Resolution for 2023 – 2027 Parks and Recreation Plan Pending changes

Roll call taken: Reimann – yes; Hodulik – Yes; Parker – Yes; Kozlowski – yes; Koviak – yes

2. Meeting dates for 2023/2024

- February 2, 2023 @ 2pm – Budget Only
- March 2, 2023 @ 2pm – 1:45pm Budget Hearing
- April 6, 2023 @ 2pm
- May 4, 2023 @ 7pm
- June 1, 2023 @ 7pm
- July 6, 2023 @ 7pm
- August 3, 2023 @ 7pm
- September 7, 2023 @ 7pm
- October 5, 2023 @ 7pm
- November 2, 2023 @ 7pm
- December 7, 2023 @ 2pm
- January 4, 2024 @ 2pm

MOTION: Moved by Kozlowski, supported by Reimann to approve the 2023/2024 meeting dates

3. Approve Audit

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the 2021-2022 audit

4. Fire Chief Report – Mike English

- 2022 stats:
 - Finished with 112 runs, 50 runs shy of last year – 44 EMS (81 in 2021), 16 fire (9 in 2021), 11 accidents (all Mullett), 18 Gas Leaks/Power Lines (32 in 2021), 14 nuisance (16 in 2021), 9 water/ice rescue (6 in 2021). Burt = 41, Mullett = 59, 12 mutual aid runs
 - December: 6 total, 4 runs in Mullett, 2 in Burt Township, all were medical
 - Reduction in EMS call may have been due to other departments picking up calls during staff being off
- Koviak gave Pellston statistics: 23 total calls – 13 medical assists, 3 motor vehicles, 1 search for person in water, 1 gas leak, 4 power line down, 1 cancelled enroute
- Mullett received a State grant for wild fire gear
- Koviak asked about update on fire committee: per English, committee has been formed but any progress is currently delayed, waiting on Township to figure out how to fund it

5. Verizon Tower

- Koviak received an inquiry from Royce Low from Ray Line Consulting regarding “4417 Elmhurst” (their project name) for a proposed 195-foot tower with 4 foot lighting rods on our Indian Rd transfer station land. Towers are typically 255 feet but he brought it down to 195 due to our ordinance only allowing 200 feet. Koviak and Hodulik to possibly meet with Royce tomorrow.
- Hodulik asked Low what the speed would be on the tower – He said it would be greater than 4G but less than 5G, covers a 4-mile radius, they do pay to put the tower on someone’s property
- Larson suggested finding out what the coverage would be if the tower were to be higher and Lindroth asked if it will be self-supporting or need guidewires

REPORTS

Burt Lake Trail Committee – Hodulik

- Completed and submitted Smart Grant on December 19 for \$427,000 to pave the unpaved portion of the West Burt Lake Trail
- Becky Rivard submitted a letter of pro’s and con’s of taking the trail into Topinabee (about 2.8 miles), findings were that off-road would cost twice as much as paved shoulders. Trail committee needs to analyze further

Planning Commission – Hodulik

- Approved Rec Plan to go to the Board for final approval
- Approved zoning amendments for fire pits and accessory buildings
- Next meeting will review wind and solar zoning

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

- Met in December and set meeting dates
- February meeting – expected two appeals

Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

- Non-conforming home – they want a remodel/reconstruction of their house and build a garage but they want to split up the zoning permits and there are questions on what they are doing
- Mobile home moved in on Eagles Nest – after several discussions, they are going to sell it
- No activity on Service Drive

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- Sending out Board of Review training – BOR members must have updated training within 2 years
- MTA conference is in Acme in April

County Commissioner – Jeff Ostman

- Met last Tuesday and they also received the letter on Maple Bay

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Next meeting February 2, 2023 at 2pm (budget only meeting)

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Kozlowski, Clerk