

**NOTICE
THESE ARE THE UNAPPROVED**

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
March 2, 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, Katie Parker, Christy Kozlowski, Gene Hodulik

Also Attending: Jim Larson (Zoning Administrator), Fred Lindroth (Township Assessor), Tim MacArthur (Township Lawyer), Marty Cheney, Suzanne Whyte, Jeff Ostman (County Commissioner)

AGENDA - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the agenda with the addition of Property Split and Letter of support for Charter Communications,

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of February 2, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve the minutes of the February 2nd meeting with the addition of ‘Township Assessor’ after Fred Lindroth in ‘Also Attending’

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the bills with the addition of a \$145.44 ATT bill

TREASURERS REPORT – As of February 2023

Certificates of Deposit	
Citizens National Bank	\$26,211.15
Citizens National Bank	\$28,337.17 (2-year bond)
PNC	<u>\$54,745.36</u>
Total CD’s	\$109,293.68
Savings	\$361,367.83
Checking	\$21,553.71
Citizens: Trail Account	\$1,716.61
Citizens: Maintenance Acct	\$82,596.77

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Budget

1. Need to approve budget for April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve 2023-2024 budget

Roll Call Vote taken: Parker – Y, Reimann – Y, Hodulik – Y, Kozlowski – Y, Koviak – Y

**BURT TOWNSHIP
2023-2024
BUDGET RESOLUTION
Resolution # 2023-1**

Whereas anticipated revenues of Burt Township of the fiscal year 2023-2024 including millage, State, miscellaneous and other revenue will be \$1,131,736.72 in the General fund which includes \$1,000.00 in the Liquor Fund and expenditures will be \$703,160.00 in the General fund which includes \$900.00 in the Liquor Fund.

Whereas a budget has been prepared for the expenditures, distribution, and allocation of such revenues during the next year,

Whereas the Township Board is now satisfied that the budget prepared is reasonable and in the best interest of the Township, now, therefore, to govern the expenditures of the Township,

Be it therefore resolved that it is the expressed interest of the Township Board that is budget be adopted and managed by individual accounts.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik and supported by Parker to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Roll Call Vote taken: Reimann – yes; Hodulik – yes; Parker – yes; Kozlowski – yes; Koviak – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Clerk Christy Kozlowski declared the Motion carried and the Resolution adopted on March 2, 2023.

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2. Property Owner Letter – Topinabee Mail Rte.

- Two concerns – would like road wider to reduce hazard along with paved shoulders
- Burt Township would need to pay for any expansion over what the commission is doing. The Road Commission is keeping the road the same size due to resurfacing versus reconstruction
- Per Hodulik on trail – Cost estimated to pave into shoulders in Topinabee is \$500,000 and an off road trail at \$1M which would go all the way into Topinabee (equates to \$750K to Burt, \$250 to Topinabee)

- Hodulik to draft a response letter to the property owner and share with the Board to review and Koviak to supply the original letter to the Cheboygan County Road Commission
 - Marty Cheney commented on the coming Pellston e-buses (there are four, yet to be inspected) which are 6 inches wider and could pose an issue with smaller road sizes
3. Letter to Michigan High-Speed Internet Office in support of Charter Communications' (Spectrum) application for a ROBIN grant
- Letter was drafted for Charter Communications in support of the Spectrum ROBIN Broadband grant to further expand access to the Township
 - Per Koviak's conversation with his contact at Spectrum, West Burt Lake has been approved but is waiting on construction

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to mail the letter

MOTION APPROVED

4. Property Split
- Gary Street – parcel across street, Morin purchasing and wants to build a pole barn (total 5 acres), was not staked but measured by computer, Lindroth approved

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik approve split on W Burt Lake Rd

MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS

Burt Lake Trail Committee – Hodulik

- Top of Michigan Trails Council will be making a trail map for Burt Township
- Spark grant was not awarded – awarded less than 5% (21 total were selected). There will be another \$50M to be awarded this year. We will find out our score and re-submit accordingly. Originally asked for \$450,000 to black top remaining West side phase I trail. Gary Street suggested that we start with Mundt Rd and W Burt Lake Rd and North 1,700 feet to start with and the trail committee agreed with that
- Snowmobiles have been going on trails – suggesting gates be placed to deter motorized traffic. Investigating cost through DNR as they currently use them
- Melvin Family bought 150 acres on Bennett Rd in Mullet Township – bunch of trails and recreation planned (mountain bikes)
- Talking about paving the gorge entrance – going to approach Slavick for approval to do it
- Also going to discuss plantings along the trail

Planning Commission – Hodulik

- Reviewing and updating solar and wind turbine ordinance starting next week
- Special use permit form being created
- Finished 5-year rec plan and loaded up on the DNR site

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

- Next meeting in April – one pending item

Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

- Quiet, only questions

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- Attended Capital Conference by MTA –
 - Elections – lot of changes coming – need to add signage and camera for Ballot Box, State is going to pay for applications, ballots and postage (both ways) but not set up. Nine days of early voting – details yet to be finalized. Everything needs to be in place by presidential primary in Feb 2024
- UofM presenter (Sarah Mills) – solar and wind, stressed having a bond and verbiage if it has to be decommissioned

County Commissioner – Jeff Ostman

- Inquired if anything more on the cell phone towers – still in limbo. Ostman went to the county planning meeting, infant stages of zoning amendments for towers
- Youth grant information forwarded to the board – giving away \$400K for youth programs
- NLEA (Northern Lakes Economic Alliance) meeting tomorrow with the County
- New Sheriff - Timothy C. Cook

PUBLIC COMMENT

- MacArther
 - Going to MTA legal conference
 - MacArthur talked about Weekly Choice as advertising option. The Tribune is not physically published in Cheboygan and the Weekly Choice is not physically published Otsego County but the statute says general circulation in said county (available for dissemination) would be considered published in locale. Weekly Choice is partnering with a company where all the legal notices will be maintained on a database and the paper is very interested in getting Cheboygan County legal notice business. MacArthur suggests that the Weekly Choice sign an affidavit saying they comply with the statute. MacArthur to follow up with the maintenance of the legal notices to be sure it is sufficient. Per Hodulik, Cheboygan Tribune has been sold and they are reducing their ad fees
- Need to have assessing information, linked to county or into database, on the website. Need to talk to Cheboygan about what other townships are currently doing (equalization)
- MTA – suggesting legislation that if a township has a website they can publish there instead of paper

Next meeting April 6, 2022 at 2pm

MOTION: Moved by Reimann, supported by Parker to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Kozlowski, Clerk