

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
September 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Harold Koviak

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

ABSENT: N/A

Also Attending: Jim Larson (Zoning Administrator), Ethel MacArthur (representing Tim MacArther, township lawyer), Marty Cheney, David Klebba, Ann Klebba, Leo Chenevere, Virginia Chenevere, Mary Street

AGENDA - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Kozlowski to approve the agenda

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of August 3, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the minutes of August 3, 2023 meeting

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- Moving \$23,000 from the trail maintenance account into parks and rec to pay invoice for paving phase one for \$41,400 and \$1,850 for spreading crushed limestone and the difference to be paid out of parks and rec

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the bills including the Spierling invoices discussed

TREASURERS REPORT – As of August 2023

Certificates of Deposit

Citizens National Bank	\$26,263.63
Citizens National Bank	\$28,337.17 (2-year bond)
PNC	<u>\$55,254.46</u>
Total CD's	\$109,855.26

Savings \$ 648,083.03 |

Checking \$ 8,401.74 |

Citizens: Trail Account \$717.42 |

Citizens: **Trail** Maintenance Acct \$101,944.92 |

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Burt Township Flag

- Kozlowski submitted updated flag concepts for consideration
- Denise Rhadigan (Deputy Clerk) has been researching flag vendors – two quotes have been received for screen printing and passed out to the Board

- Going to have Rhadigan research embroidered plan options

2. Investment Policy

- MacArther provided updated policy with 22 banks listed

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Investment Policy as written

Roll Call: Parker – y, Hodulik – y, Reimann – y, Reimann – y, Kozlowski – y, Koviak - y

NEW BUSINESS

1. Solar Ordinance Revision

- Revisions made to the existing solar ordinance using both U of M and Michigan State University guidelines and input and consolidation of edits by Ken Lane (Becket and Raeder)
- Voted on by planning commission 2 months ago, sent to Cheboygan Planning but they have not responded, next step is for Board approval

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the Solar Ordinance Revision

2. Approval to work with the County Clerk for 9-Day Early Voting

- Karen Brewster (Cheboygan County Clerk) had a meeting with all the Township Clerks to discuss early voting options for the County – all clerks agreed with the Cheboygan’s suggestion to have early voting be done at the county building
- Brewster has put together an agreement for 9-day early voting to be held at the Cheboygan County Building and will be signed by each precinct
- Kozlowski is requesting a motion to work with the county clerk for the 9-day early voting to be held at the County (one early voting site) and Burt Township would cover any additional costs (split across Cheboygan townships)

MOTION: Moved by Koviak, supported by Hodulik to approve the Burt Township Clerk to work with the county clerk for the 9-day early voting to be held at the Cheboygan County Building (one early voting site) and Burt Township would cover any additional costs if they should occur (split across Cheboygan townships)

REPORTS

Burt Lake Trail Committee – Hodulik

- 5,000 Trail maps provided by Top of Michigan Trails
- Weatherproof signs will be made to be posted on the trail and more bike signs to be painted
- Three different grants are still in play – Spark (phase one paving), DNR Passport (phase one paving), and Mdot (in cooperation with Mullet) for paved shoulders. Should have responses by end of the year
- Still working on the gorge entrance with Spierling and U of M
- Discussing creating a trail head on Crump Road

Planning Commission – Hodulik

- Two tower projects – Verizon tower at West Side transfer station and PIE&G would like to put a tower at the East side transfer station
- Issue with a business in a residential area

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

- Meeting on Friday – three appeals to consider

Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

- Inquiries picking up for end of year projects

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- Attended fall meeting at PIE&G and brought annual reports and rates and will be at the township for anyone to review
- Reminder of retreats

County Commissioner – Jeff Ostman

- Not present

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Koviak – Spectrum/Charter received their grant they applied for and the project for fiber internet for the East and West sides of Burt Lake will begin next year
- Ann and David Klebba shared a picture of property next to them that is operating a business in a residential area and voiced her concern and the issues they are experiencing

Next meeting October 5, 2023 at 7pm

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted, Christy Kozlowski, Clerk