

**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
March 2, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on March 2, 2017 at 2:04 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

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

Absent: None

Also Attending: Tim MacArthur, Dave Hutto, Fred Lindroth, Chris Kindsvatter

Supervisor Koviak led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann to accept the agenda with the following additions:

New Business: Budget Adjustments

MOTION APPROVED

Public Comment: None

Minutes and Bills

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Koviak to approve the minutes of January 5, 2017, as presented and payment of the bills.

MOTION APPROVED

Unfinished Business

Website - Koviak

The website committee has not yet met. Hodulik will replace Pillen on the committee. Parker suggested the committee review the Eveline Township website as it is very user-friendly.

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to table the website until the April 6, 2017 meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

New Business

Deputy Clerk – McDougall

MOTION: Moved by McDougall, supported by Parker to appoint Virginia Chenevere as Deputy Clerk, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, plus expenses.

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution Adopting the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to adopt the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Resolution 2017-1)

MOTION APPROVED

Budget Adjustments – McDougall

MOTION: Moved by McDougall, supported by Hodulik to amend the 2016-2017 as follows:

Increase: Sanitation \$2,000.00 to \$47,000.00

Legal & Professional - \$2,000.00 to \$17,000.00

Decrease: Planning & Zoning - \$4,000.00 to \$42,000.00

MOTION APPROVED

Reports

Burt Lake Trail – Hodulik

MDOT/Tap has not given an answer yet on the grant application.

NDG has not submitted their final bill. They would like to continue as consultant and has submitted a timeline.

Corrections were made to the handbook and 1,000 copies will be made at a cost of \$650.00 including shipping. The handbook will be paid from the Trail Committee fund at Citizens Bank.

Planning Commission– Kindsvtter

The next meeting is March 13. Granetta Thomassy will speak regarding water quality and septic inspections.

Other topics:

Vegetation Strip – Tim MacArthur is working on enforcement details.

Rentals – Cheboygan County Planning Commission is working on this.

Fireworks – nothing at this time

Signs – Cheboygan County Planning Commission is working on this and MTA will have seminars at the convention in April

Planning consultant –A RFP has been developed

ZBA – Koviak

February meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda, next meeting is April 21.

MacArthur said the deadline for Jim Parker’s property clean-up is next week.

Supervisor Report - Koviak

The Road Commission provided the PASER ratings for the township with a 5 year road plan for review. Brent Shank said Burt Township has one of the best PASER ratings in the county due to the township millage and road maintenance program. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

Tim MacArthur submitted his request to continue providing Burt Township’s legal services for the upcoming fiscal year.

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by McDougall to continue legal representation by the MacArthur Law Firm for 2017-2018 at the current hourly rate.

MOTION APPROVED

DTE Energy plans to provide natural gas service to residents on the east side of Burt Township. A meeting will be held on April 4th at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Koviak received a request from Up North Prevention's Social Awareness Month to reduce or eliminate underage drinking.

Liquor Fund – McDougall

MOTION: Moved by McDougall, supported by Parker to move \$400.00 from the General Fund – Contingency line item to the Liquor Fund.

MOTION APPROVED

2017-2018 Budget – Koviak

The board discussed the 2017-2018 budget.
Attached.

Public Comment

Kindsvatter asked if internet and cable will be available in the township. Koviak said he talked to Charter, however, they want 70% of the service area as customers. He will also talk to local and regional reps .

Lot Splits – Lindroth

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to approve lot splits for Bert Ebbers & Katie Parker, Paul Schoenith, and Robert Brindley.

MOTION APPROVED

Note: Katie Parker did not vote on this issue.

Next meeting: April 6, 2017 – 1:30 pm Public Hearing on the Budget; 2:00 pm Regular meeting

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to adjourn

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 3:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk