

BURT TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes

January 13, 2022

Burt Township Hall

The Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Jay Jontz on January 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m at the Burt Township Hall.

TOWNSHIP HALL ATTENDEES: Jay Jontz, Gene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Allen Kozlowski, and Matt Landon

ALSO ATTENDING IN PERSON: Jake Myers of Beckett and Raeder, Harold Koviak, Katie Parker, and Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jay Jontz

DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST : none

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:

MOTION: Moved by Janness, supported by Kozlowski to approve the November 11, 2021, minutes .

MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS

Township Board Representative – Hodulik

1. Negotiations with EGLE regarding the Corner Store have stalled.
2. The township receives a portion of penal code monies and with that have signed a contract to give 50% of that money to the Indian River Library and 50% to the Topinabee Library. There is also a reciprocity agreement with the Petoskey Library. All township residents may use the library at no cost.
3. The new County Road Commissioner is Matthew Hall from Calhoun County in southern Michigan replacing Brent Shank.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Since Larson could not attend, Koviak stated that the last Friday in February will be the next Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. Thus far, there are two variance appeals.

PLANNING CONSULTANT – Jake Myers of Beckett & Raeder

The short term rental bill as well as the gravel pits bill are currently stalled and may continue in that state with the upcoming election.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AS PRINCIPAL USE ZONING AMENDMENT

Township board approved these amendments at the December 2, 2021, township board meeting. Two grammatical errors were identified and changed which did not have any effect on meaning. Larson suggested at the township board meeting to change the rural residential minimum lot width from 230' to 235' which must be done by the planning commission. MacArthur, township attorney, said these minor changes can be made and approved.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

There are no real changes at this time. Century Link's mission is to lay fiber but not sure they will do our township. PIE&G plan is to install high speed internet for their existing customers in the southeast portion of our township. Starlink seems to be the most viable option currently for high speed internet for individual property owners.

MILLAGE SURVEY

A long and productive discussion led to editing and finalizing the wording of the explanatory letter and survey questions regarding fire and road millage for ½ mil increase for the years 2022 and 2023. Myers entered changes in real time on the big screen until everyone agreed with the final document. Document will be sent by mail to all property owners. Responses can be either by return mail or online at the Burt Township website, www.burttownship.org

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 01 for 2022 to establish meeting dates are as follows: January 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10. These dates are all on the second Thursday every other month at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: to accept dates made by Hodulik and supported by Landon. Roll call: Jontz-yes, Janness-yes, Landon-yes, Hodulik-yes, Kozlowski-yes.

MOTION APPROVED

Planning Commission Annual Report – review of report in March before sending it to the township board.

Accessory Structures Permitted Without Zoning Permit – accessory structures less than 200 sq. ft. thus not needing a zoning permit, are exempt from setbacks.

BRAINSTORM – how to make this a better township? High speed internet.

PLANING COMMISSION COMMENTS – Update the recreation plan which expires at year's end.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

MOTION TO ADJOURN – made by Kozlowski, support by Janness. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – March 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik, Recording Secretary