

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MINUTES  
November 5, 2020**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on November 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, MI 49721.

**PRESENT:** Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Katie Parker, Gene Hodulik, Christy Kozlowski  
**Absent:** None

**Also Attending:** Russ Elmhirst, Virginia Chenevere, Jim Larson, and Fred Lindroth

**AGENDA - Koviak**

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann to approve the Agenda with the following additions to New Business: Property Split, and Election Update

**MOTION APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A**

**CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes of October 1, 2020 and Payment of the Bills**

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the minutes of October 1, 2020 with the addition of “ordinary (OHW)” clarification of the high-water mark mentioned in the Zoning Administration report.

**MOTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Fire Agreement with Mullett Township - Koviak

Nothing new to report on Fire Agreement. New board is coming in November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Township Hall Remodel - Hodulik

Remodel is coming along, a few items are on backorder (roofing), a new door is on order, and the windows are coming. Virginia Chenevere is renewing the landscaping for the hall and the cemetery.

Planning Commission – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance - Koviak

- Question raised on the number assignment of this ordinance. Hodulik believes it is #2 with the Solar Ordinance being #1 for 2020 – Kozlowski to confirm and update Zoning list. Pole barn ordinance will be #3.
- The amendment (#2) was revised and reviewed with confirmed language of “lots.” Confirmed that Larson was in agreement with amendment.

**MOTION:** Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (#2).

**MOTION APPROVED**

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Township Tax Newsletter

- **Tax Letter and Transfer Station Permits:** Reiman provided a copy of last year's winter tax letter for review. Hodulik to provide updated verbiage for Burt Lake Trail Progress and Road update. Kozlowski to finalize letter and print and deliver 1,000 folded letters to Reimann along with 600 2021 Transfer station cards (numbered sequentially). Reiman needs letters and cards between November 15<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Transfer Station Fee:** The Board discussed raising the Transfer station yearly fee and agreed upon a \$10 increase to bring the card fee to \$60/year to help close the gap on township cost and transfer fees collected.
- Virginia Chenevere will assist Reimann with Transfer Permits as needed, Denny Slasor and Jackie Howell can still take payment at the sites.

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to increase the transfer card fee to \$60/year.

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### 2. Township Road Plan

- Koviak and Hodulik met with Cheboygan County Road Commission (Brent Shank) the day before for ~~annual~~ township meeting. PASER rating is a 5.23, down a bit from a year ago. Koviak and Hodulik worked with Brent to change the 5-year road plan to a one-year road plan.
- 2021 road plans:
  - County will have chip seal available to all the townships
  - The lowest rated roads will be chip sealed – should provide additional 7-10 years of life  
Project total will be \$113,700.
    1. Eagles Nest Rd (rated 5) - \$30,200
    2. Indian Rd (rated 5) - \$9,500
    3. Numbers Rd (rated 3) - \$15,100
    4. Cedar Dr & Cedar Point Dr (rated 2/3) - \$17,700 & \$5,300
    5. Deerfield Ln (rated 3) - \$5,300
    6. Crump (not on report list but being added) – \$17,200
  - Upcoming March budget – will discuss paving West Numbers (\$100,300) or Birchwood Rd (\$245,200)
  - Chickagami Trail and Maple Bay may be future considerations

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Kozlowski to approve chip and seal for the roads listed in addition to Crump Road. Paving will be discussed during next budget review in March 2021.

Roll call vote taken: Hodulik – yes, Parker – yes, Reimann – yes, Kozlowski – yes, Koviak - yes

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### 3. Property Split - Lindroth

- Lindroth provided the survey to the board (South Extension area – Kenneth Brouwer, owner)
  - Resident's friend wanted to buy 5 acres of the 10-acre property, Lindroth said he couldn't do it as it was over the ratio of a 4 to 1 split
  - Surveyor was brought in – split both 5-acre parcels into 1a and 1b (to be purchased). Intent is to put a pole barn on those parcels.
  - A poll barn exists on the resident's remaining property – Lindroth was asked if it is still conforming given the splits and Lindroth confirmed based on plans provided.

- Lindroth confirmed we will need a December Board of Review – Lindroth to provide date

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve property split for Kenneth Brouwer.

## **MOTION APPROVED**

### 4. Election Update - Kozlowski

- Election went smooth, no issues
- 539 total voters (702 voters in Precinct)
  - 314 absentee ballots, 225 in person voters
  - Straight ticket tally: 259 republican, 81 democrat, 1 other
  - President tally: 364 Trump, 172 Biden, 3 other
  - Senator tally: 370 James, 167 Peters, 1 other
  - Totals are available online (Cheboygan County site)

## **REPORTS**

### Burt Lake Trail Committee – Hodulik

- Close to closing out the paperwork for phase II
- Expecting another invoice for \$13-14K and waiting on reimbursement of \$74k plus the \$29,500 (10% that was kept from the grant). According to Margie Reh, they only want to make one more payment to us so we have to submit the OHM invoice as an engineering charge and we should get reimbursed for it.
- Phase III
  - Margie Reh and Top of Michigan Trails \$30K match expected to be fulfilled for a total of \$60K although the end goal is \$85K. Fundraising efforts ends on December 7<sup>th</sup> so one month remains to get the word out. Margie has done a tremendous job hooking it to FB, Burt Lake Buddies, Burt Lake Trail site. A trail video was produced and is online.
  - Huron Engineering has completed the survey and it has been sent to the Cheboygan County Road Commission and Brent Shank signed off on it. It has been forwarded to MDOT in Lansing and at the same time should have been forward to Karie Slavik at UofM so she can get it to the Real Estate division to get the easement. Karie has not seen the survey yet though – Hodulik to call Huron to confirm it was sent to Karie.

### Planning Commission - Hodulik

- Meeting on November 12 @ 7pm – 1-acre pole barn, no public hearing.
- Likely more discussion on the internet
  - Parker emailed Jeff Lawson at Cheboygan about the survey to all the townships and press release regarding our interest and intentions for the expansion of broadband but has not heard back from him yet. Ron Williams had mentioned it to Hodulik as well and suggested we get a hold of Lawson.
  - Larson mentioned he is going to be a part of a beta test for Starlink (Elon Musk satellite project – starlink.com) which is currently ~~testing at~~ running in excess of ~~50-55~~ 100 Mbps (megabytes per second). Starlink’s goal is to get to 150 Mbps. You can sign up for the beta program - \$600 499 equipment and \$99/month. Beta participants must hook up their own dish (size of a pizza box) and requires 100 ft power cord with ethernet, dish automatically aligns with the satellites. Placement must face the north and can’t have anything in the way. An app helps designate the area needed.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Koviak

- Next meeting is on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and they have 4 items on the agenda.

**Zoning Administrator's Report** – Larson

- Sent Tim and Ruben an email about contractors who don't have credentials but are willing to work anyway. Nothing from Tim but Ruben talked to John and suggested writing them a citation. Going to be put on the next agenda. Note: Ruben and John are Beckett & Raeder Planning Consultants.
- Couple of new homes
- Koviak ask if there have been inquiries about Stratford lane – none per Larson
  - Koviak received a call about someone trying to move a driveway or put in a ditch (next to Russ Elmhirst—present at the meeting). They also mentioned putting a drain in all the way to the lake but Koviak said they would need to work with the Drain Commissioner and the DEQ.
  - Per Elmhirst they want to black top it (but legally they cannot per Koviak). They want to move the 10-foot driveway that is near a telephone pole. Russ heard they had a meeting around Labor Day and discussed paving it with neighbor contribution of \$1,000 per cottage (18 in the association). He believes they are putting it off until next year.
  - Per Koviak, he told the callers that they shouldn't be doing any work without the proper permits.

**Supervisor's Report** – Koviak

Nothing to report

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Parker – there was a fire at the biological station near Hogsback but bio station did not know. Pellston fire department responded. Believed to be lightning as the cause.

Next meeting December 3, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

**MOTION:** Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to adjourn.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kozlowski, Clerk