

**NOTICE
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**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MINUTES
June 3, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Harold Koviak on June 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Harold Koviak, Shirley Reimann, Katie Parker, Gene Hodulik
Absent: Christy Kozlowski (excused)

Also Attending: Renee Kinney, Jim Larson, Mike English, Rene Halberg, Russ Elmhirst, Larry Hull, Tim McArthur township attorney, Fred Lindroth township assessor

AGENDA - Koviak

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Hodulik to approve the Agenda with the addition of fire update from Mike English

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PUBLIC COMMENT – Larry Hull

- Brief on Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners with respect to election integrity
 - Election integrity subcommittee close to allowing access for a limited forensic review of election equipment and the connectivity logs
 - Cheboygan County is also reevaluating their security procedures for elections
- Request for consideration: Would like Burt Township to reevaluate security procedures for election equipment to be sure equipment is secure

CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes of May 6, 2021, and Payment of the Bills

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve payment of bills and the minutes of the March 4th meeting with the spelling change of EAGLE to EGLE and in also attending remove “st” from Randolph Bricker’s name

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Fire Agreement with Mullett Township – Koviak
 - No contact from Mullett Township since last meeting
 - Koviak spoke with MTA and MTA Director regarding facilitator, they recommended at this time that Burt and Mullett try to work with the board to come up with an agreement without a facilitator
 - Koviak suggested that MacArthur (Township attorney) send a letter to each Board Member of Mullett with a dollar amount the Board proposes to begin the negotiation process
 - Hodulik commented that 1.5 mills was originally discussed in February 2019, brought forward by Dennis Dombrowski (Mullett trustee), and included both townships to be included on a joint Fire Board. Burt Township never agreed with that proposal and since Mullett has taken the joint Fire

Board off the table. Hodulik suggested the \$45,000 proposal as a starting point with a compounded 5% increase per year for ten years to cover additional costs. At the end of ten years Burt would be paying \$68,900/year with just over \$566,000 total over the 10-year time period

- Mike English wrote a letter stating costs have doubled over the last 15 years and runs have tripled based on expanded services. Per Hodulik, Burt Township has increased our fire payments to Mullett since 2005 but we are shy of doubling that amount by \$4,000 to \$5,000
- Parker referred to MacArthur providing fire protection amounts for Koehler - \$52,896, paid once a year to Tuscarora and they are a double township (72 sections). Fee is based on a contract but not based on SEV and may be based on number of residents – MacArthur to still follow up

MOTION: Moved by Parker, supported by Reimann that Burt Township offer \$45,000 base, to be compounded by 5% each year, for a 10-year fire contract with Mullett Township. MacArther to draft and send a letter to that effect.

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2. Corner Property at Crump/Burt-Mullett Road

- Appraisal for corner property was received. Kinney noted that the appraisal was not accurate as it shows the property zoned as commercial, listed as a 2-bedroom home and it is actually three, along with other inconsistencies. Land value was listed at \$12,000
- Kinney – does the Township want to negotiate or wait for another proposal? Hodulik commented, and the Board agreed, that we need something from EGLE or the State so the Township has no further liability with regard to the cleanup
- MacArthur comment:
 - A phase I environmental study needs to be done, if contamination still exists then a phase II study would need to be done and filed with the State of Michigan in order to be held harmless
 - Need to consider that some of the property could be needed for future remediation and may delay use of the property as a trailhead
- Next steps: Kinney to contact EGLE regarding documentation from EGLE stating that no large buildings hindering the trailhead will be on the property along with the phase I and II documents being completed

3. Electricity at Hall

- Complete. Dennis Reimann provided a quote for re-siding the Township Hall and quote from Brian Coffell has still not been received

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Parker to approve the quote from Dennis Reimann to complete the siding work for the Hall.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Rene Halberg with ERM

- Environment Resource Management, Rene Halberg is an “ambassador” for Enbridge. Halberg is not employed by Enbridge but does report to them and offered assistance with any questions regarding the pipeline. Enbridge.com has a video to explain the tunnel process. Halberg also pointed out that Enbridge does offer community dollars for safety and first responder projects

2. Big Dump Day – June 19 West Side

- Hours 9am – 4pm and no early pickups
 - Parker requested a donation from BLPA but has not heard back, she will follow up
3. Property Tax Newsletter
- Shirley will mail out on July 1
 - Trail update, Zoning, local road updates, planning update
 - Kozlowski to receive updates and complete the letter
4. Contract for Pellston Fire First Responders
- MacArthur provided contract for First Responder Medical Services
 - MacArthur to add a paragraph to the contract will continue to renew as long as Pellston continues coverage
5. Mike English – Mullett Fire Chief
- May has been the slowest month, and included one run to Burt Township for a field/ grass fire
 - 51 total runs, 22 in Burt Township, 14 EMS/ambulance assist, 8 fire runs (one 1.4 acre brush fire – Consumers), 2 motor vehicle collisions at 318 southbound, 1 snowmobile PI mid Burt (call was cancelled), 1 water rescue @ West Burt Lake Rd (activation only, boats were cancelled as she came out of the water), 2 carbon monoxide runs, 1 power line (no burning)
 - Trained last month with DNR on man overboard rescue procedures and approaching vessels
 - Hose testing was today and planning on a dry hydrant at boat launch in Topinabee and a pledge from Mullet to gain more water supplies in the area
 - Fire Hall on hold pending negotiations with Burt and other financial issues. They met with a municipal consultant and shared ownership was brought back up and may come back on the table

REPORTS

Burt Lake Trail Committee – Hodulik

- Paving 2 sections of the trail very soon – near Indian Rd intersection and northern end across from Swayze area
- MDOT to release low bid tomorrow, June 4
- Awarded a \$5,000 grant from the DALMAC foundation

Planning Commission - Hodulik

- Items under discussion: size of pole barns/accessory building, fire pits, residing in pole barns, internet
- Jake Meyer, new rep from Beckett and Raeder, sent out an email with changes. Needs to be reviewed further as it is unclear

Zoning Board of Appeals – Koviak

- Three appeals: approved a sun porch on Stratford Lane, approved a carriage house on W Burt Road (tearing down a garage), tabled an accessory building on South Extension until July in order to republish the correct information to the adjacent property owners

Zoning Administrator's Report – Larson

- Report supplied

Supervisor's Report – Koviak

- Will be away at MTA until Big Dump Day

County Commissioner – Mary Ellen Tryban
Not present

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Russ Elmhirst expressed concern over road being constructed toward Burt Lake shore, and feels it is not 75 feet from the high-water mark. Larson to confirm as he did inform them about the 75 feet
- MacArthur cautioned the Board on allowing voting equipment to be evaluated by any outside group as it could be possible that the machines being evaluated may no longer be secure for use in future elections. Only a court order should allow evaluation of any machine
- Lindroth:
 - Our AMAR agreement – says that “the Board can use its discretion under certain circumstances to allow a poverty exemption” and needs to be removed
 - We have one resident who falls under the poverty level and proposing a resolution for July meeting

Next meeting July 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Reimann to adjourn.

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Respectfully submitted,
Christy Kozlowski, Clerk