

**BURT TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2020
Minutes**

The Regular meeting of the Burt Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Jay Jontz on January 9, 2020 at 6:37 pm at the Burt Township Hall, 7029 Birchwood Road, Cheboygan Michigan.

ATTENDANCE: Jay Jontz, Eugene Hodulik, Paul Janness, Allen Kozlowski

ABSENT: Matt Landon

Also Attending: Katie Parker, Ruben Schell, Tim MacArthur, Jim Larson, Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary

Chair Jontz led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

MINUTES: November 13, 2019

MOTION: Moved by Kozlowski, supported by Hodulik to approve the minutes of November 13, 2019 as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Hodulik

Recent actions taken by the board:

- Renewed contract with GFL for trash removal. The new contract will allow for GFL to supply all dumpsters for the township. The east side will have 12 dumpsters and the west side will have 9 dumpsters. (all 8 cu.yd. dumpsters) Price will be 3.97 per yd plus approximately 30 percent fees for fuel and environmental fees. The second and third years will have a 4 percent increase each year.
- Chief Mike English from the Topinabee Fire Dept. gave his annual fire report. Last year there were 50 calls for Burt Township but no fires.
- The township transferred \$100,000 from general fund to the trail account to pay the Road Commission and OHM for Phase II. The funds will be repaid to the general fund from the reimbursements from the DNR Trust Fund grant.
- The Board will hold a meeting on February 17, 2020 to discuss the 2020-2021 budget.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ZBA - Jontz

As there were no appeals, the meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is February 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Larson

There were a lot of storage buildings last year and calls are coming in for this year. The zoning ordinance still needs to be updated to address non-conforming lots - the ordinance does not say a variance is needed but it has been enforced as though one is required.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solar Energy Ordinance - Jontz

Ruben Schell prepared the proposed Solar Ordinance to review. It will now be sent to the Board for approval at the February meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Kozlowski to approve the proposed Solar Energy ordinance as presented and forward it to the Township Board for approval.

MOTION APPROVED

Master Plan

The Master Plan is on the website. The next step is to hold a Public Hearing to take comments on the Plan.

MOTION: Moved by Hodulik, supported by Janness to hold a Public Hearing on the updated Master Plan on March 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm with the regular Planning Commission meeting to follow.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Storage Buildings - Larson

The Ordinance states there is a 2 acre minimum for storage buildings on secondary parcels. However, with the new setbacks, a storage building can meet all setback requirements with a 1 acre parcel.

Parker and Kozlowski both said they not in favor of changing this to a 1 acre minimum. Kozlowski will chair a subcommittee to look into this.

High-speed Internet service - Jontz

High-speed internet options were discussed. Kozlowski will check into options.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

MOTION: Move by Kozlowski, supported by Janness to adjourn.

MOTION APPROVED

Adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna McDougall, Clerk/Recording Secretary