

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2015 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Gould, G. Letts, T. Cronkhite, D. Porter, R. Baker

VISITORS: K. Purlee, D. Hutson, A. Good, R. Ultz

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Porter to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Gould and supported by Baker to approve the April minutes. Motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mr. Purlee asked the Board if the Township has ordinances pertaining to junk. We briefly discussed Township ordinances.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A sales tax check was received or \$20,492.00. The following account balances were reported by the Treasurer:

Checking	\$20,492.00
Money Market	<u>\$30,046.61</u>
	\$50,538.61

A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Baker to receive the report and place it on file. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

CLEAN-UP DAY RECAP: The clean-up day was not as well attended as last year. The rainy weather was probably a factor. Only one of the two dumpsters was full so Nissley Disposal will not charge full price on the empty one - \$250 rather than \$650 quoted.

DUST CONTROL: The Clerk will contact the Road Commission to see when they plan to start applying the dust control.

PINEWOOD STREETLIGHT UPDATE: Cherie Locey has agreed to put the subdivision light bill in her name as an association will not be established at this time. The Clerk will contact Cherie to work out the details.

MEMORIAL DAY: The annual Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on May 25 at 1:00 p.m. at the Burr Oak Township Cemetery. Dick Persing will be the speaker at the event. Music will be provided by Vicki Currier and Stacy Wyatt. Also included will be the pastor of the Burr Oak United Methodist Church, and veteran's groups from Bronson and Colon.

NEW FOIA REQUIREMENTS: The Board will have to pass a resolution to adopt the new FOIA guidelines. Lance will put this together along with a summary for publication. MTA has put together a template to personalize the new guidelines and Mike Bobalik will prepare this for our Township and post it to our website.

COUNTY ROAD PROPOSAL: The Supervisor explained to the Board an idea for a County road proposal that would provide 100% of all revenues to be used on our County roads. This will become more of a discussion topic once the May 5th Election results determine if the State proposal passes.

CEMETERY: The transmission went out on the older lawn tractor. The cost to fix it will be approximately \$1300. A new tractor is about \$2600-2800. A motion was made by Baker and supported by Gould to fix the tractor if the cost does not exceed \$1300. Motion passed.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The next meeting is May 18th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The engine on the pumper truck is shot. This is the same engine that has been fixed/rebuilt under warranty. The estimated cost to replace is \$28,000 plus the tow bill. The Village has agreed to pay their half to replace it. A motion was made by Baker and supported by Cronkhite to spend no more than \$30,000 (our share is 50%) to replace the engine. Atty. Thornton is to pursue reimbursement from Cummins for this replacement due to the history of problems we have had with this truck and the low number of miles. Motion passed.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting is May 28th.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: The Supervisor shared information about the Municipal Loan Fund offered by St. Joseph County. The fund offers municipalities low interest loans that could be used for larger projects.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Cronkhite to pay bills amounting to \$8,919.36. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.