

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2015 6:00 P.M.

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

VISITORS: K. Bontrager, H. Hochstetler, M. Eas, M. Borkholder, A. Mesinger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Gould and supported by Letts. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Porter to approve the September minutes. Motion passed.

VISITORS: Kim Bontrager from Locey CPA presented the Board with the review of the Township finances. She met with the Supervisor prior to this evenings report to go over trends and analyze how the Township is doing. Overall, this was a very good report – good fund equity and budgeting.

Adam Mensinger, from John Proos office, updated the Board on what John is doing in Lansing. He is working on school to work opportunities – CTE programs for technical skills/trades. Road funding is being considered. He has reservations about the House bill because he doesn't agree with the idea of charging an increase in car registration fees to fund it. They are looking for other solutions. The energy plan expires at the end of the year and Sen. Proos is on the energy committee. He is not against green energy but doesn't believe we can/should be using 100% green.

Mervin Eash, Homer Hochstetler, and Marvin Borkholder approached the Board about their interest in developing an Amish Cemetery in Burr Oak Township. They were told they should start by choosing a property and then present their plan to the Planning Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A sales tax check was received for \$23,683.00. The following account balances were reported: Checking Account \$10,775.83

Money Mkt	<u>\$47,063.61</u> (including the sales tax check)
	\$57,839.44

A motion was made by Letts and supported by Porter to approve the report and place it on file. Passed.

TOWNSHIP HALL ROOF: The roof is complete and the bill came in as quoted.

SHOW CAUSE ORDER: Attorney Thornton asked the Board if we wanted to pursue unpaid fines for 64643 Maple Lane - \$308 & \$179 from both parties listed on the property. Lance said it

would cost about half that amount to pursue & collect the money. Motion by Cronkhite and support by Gould not to pursue it. Passed.

RESOLUTION FOR ROAD MILLAGE: A resolution was presented to show support to allow voters in St. Joseph County to consider an additional millage dedicated to roads within our county. Motion by Letts and support by Gould to support the resolution. A roll call vote was taken; all present voted to approve.

RESOLUTION FOR STURGIS SOFTBALL COMPLEX: A resolution was presented as a show of support to pursue a project funded in part by County Commission funds to build a new softball complex in Sturgis. No motion of support was offered for the resolution.

LEVERENCE FOUNDATION: A motion was made by Gould and support by Porter to waive the fee to Mrs. Leverence for the foundation for Keith Leverence's grave monument in appreciation for Keith's many years of service to the Township. Motion passed.

CEMETERY: Chapel Ceiling is leaking and ceiling is bad repair. Rich will be notified. No snow plowing bids were submitted.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The next meeting on November 16.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEEING: December 3rd is the next meeting.

SUPERVISOR UPDATES:

- ROAD COMMISSION MEETING: December 3 is first choice for meeting date.
- LIBRARY CARPET: We will get bids on cleaning rather than replacing at this time.
- BATTERY RECYCLING: Going well, people are using it.
- 911 ANTENA is being attached to the Burr Oak Water Tower – will give better reception.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Porter and support by Cronkhite. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Passed.

Tina Cronkhite, Clerk