

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

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

VISITORS: R. Anderson, A. Miller, L. Thornton, D. Hutson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Cronkhite and support by Baker. Passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Porter. Passed.

VISITORS COMMENTS: Rick Anderson of the County Road Commission updated the Board on what has been going on at the Road Commission. Recently, they put in 2 new bridges, updated technology, purchased new trucks to improve efficiency, repaired 827 miles of roads with pot holes, removed snow on over 1000 miles of roads, as well as routine maintenance. Looking forward, they will be consolidating the county barns to a central location in Centreville. This will save about \$300,000/year. No millage request is being considered at this time by the Road Commission because they are waiting to see if Federal money will be available for road funding.

Rep. Aaron Miller updated the Board on events in Lansing – they removed two representatives last week so they can move on to important business. One problem, “dark stores”, a term that applies to big box stores & how tax tribunals are interpreting taxable valuable of empty stores as lower (due to it being hard to sell) so taxable income is decreased for municipalities. They are looking for a solution.

TREASURER’S REPORT: A sales tax check was received for \$22,445.00. The following account balances were reported:

Money Market \$ 43,377.89

Checking \$ 8,264.62

\$53,642,51

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

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: An Ordinance was presented for approval to cover platted lot splits. It does not need to go before the Planning Commission just approval by the Township Board. It will be reviewed be considered at the next meeting. This ordinance covers what we have already been do these splits, it just gives the ordinance behind it. This is a police power and not needed to go before the Planning Commission . We will review and consider at our next meeting.

TOY RUN: Nothing to report.

AUDIT: The annual audit is in process at Locey CPA and should be completed by the end of the month.

ZBA RECAP: The ZBA considered a request by Joel Troyer for a fence at his home on Needham Road – the variance was granted.

TOWNSHIP HALL ROOF REPAIR: The following bids were received for the replacement of the Township hall/Fire Hall roof with another flat roofing system – bids were also received for a pitch roof. The pitch roof bids were not considered due to the cost involved in converting to a pitch roof:

- Taylor Construction - \$43,000 – 20 year warranty - no extra insulation.
- Hoekstra Roofing - \$45,541 plus \$2353 for extra insulation - 20 year warranty.
- Weather Shield - \$43,972 – 20 year warranty with extra insulation.
- Pro Energy Logistics - \$53,218 – 20 year warranty.

Motion by Baker and support by Porter to hire Weather Shield who had the lowest bid for 20 year warranty roof with extra insulation. A roll call vote was taken; all voted to approve.

CEMETERY: The sexton was asked to get bids for leaf pick-up. The pipes have been fixed at cemetery.

PLANNING BOARD: The next meeting is September 28th.

FIRE DEPT: We are waiting for Cummins attorney's to respond to the changes made by our Township attorney to their proposal for settlement of fire truck engine repair.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: Porter reported that membership on the committee is increasing.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Letts to pay bills amounting to \$22,445.00. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Tina Cronkhite

Township Clerk