Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2016 6:00p.m.

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

VISTORS: M. Eash, D. Hutson, K. Pangle, T. Hahn, L. Thornton, D. Thornton, R. Baker

AGENDA: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Baker to approve the agenda. Passed

MINUTES: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Porter to approve the March minutes. Motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mervin Eash presented the Board with a request to establish a cemetery for the Amish Church on a 1 acre property on Maystead Road. Attorney Lance Thornton is going to look into the State regulations for a private cemetery and let Diane Bland know what is required. Mr. Eash was referred back to the Planning Commission.

Kathy Pangle introduced herself as a candidate for County Commissioner representing District 2 which includes Burr Oak Township.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following balances were reported by the Treasurer:
Money Market$63,099.50
Checking $ 4,640.39
$67,739.89
        A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Baker to receive the report and place it on file. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR: The Assessor reported the Board of Review met in March and it was a quiet. Minutes were supplied.

DUST CONTROL: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Porter to participate in the St. Joseph County Road Commission's Dust Control Program for up to 10 miles of unpaved roads. Requests will be granted in the order they are received. Motion passed.

ZONING – MAYSTEAD ROAD – The owner of the property at 28978 Maystead Road recently passed away.   The Zoning Enforcement Officer is aware an electrical permit has been received for the property, which is currently condemned until cleared by the Health Dept. for a meth clean-up. He will wait and see what happens with a transfer of ownership. There is no one currently living on the property.

2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET: This is the second hearing for the proposed budget. There were no visitor comments. A motion was made by Baker and supported by Porter to approve the budget. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

TRANSER OF FUNDS: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Dave to transfer money to the special fund accounts as budgeted. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

2016-17 WAGES: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Baker for all wages for hourly workers and auxiliary board members per diem rates to remain the same as the previous year.   A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

CLEAN-UP DAY: The Township will participate with the Village for the annual Clean-up Day on April 16 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Letts and Porter will be there to help.

HOT WATER HEATER: The hot water heater at the Township Hall is rusted, leaking and needs replaced. Greg Persing looked at it and submitted a quote of $723 plus permit fees to replace it. Since the cost was more than expected, the Board decided to get a couple more estimates before we hire someone to replace it.

PLUMB LAKE: It was on the front page of today's Sturgis Journal that the County Commission was planning to put a County park at Plumb Lake. The Township has not been contacted by the Commission to discuss the project. Letts will contact Mr. Yoder to find out their intent.

CEMETERY: Spring clean-up is taking place. The Sexton will be working to get things in order for Memorial Day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Funding for a new fire truck is an ongoing topic of discussion on the Fire Board. They are planning on making a purchase in the next 3-5 years as long as nothing goes wrong with the current trucks. The Township Board increased funding to the Fire Truck Reserve Fund and will continue to look at all funding options available before considering a millage request.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Baker to pay bills amounting to $18,397.10. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tina Cronkhite, Township Clerk