

Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2016 6:00 p.m.

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

VISITORS PRESENT: D. Hutson, A. Good, L. Thornton, M. Marsh, C. Higgins

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

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

VISITOR COMMENTS:

- Carol Higgins is running for the 59 Dist. State Rep. as a Democrat. She spoke to the Board about the things she would like to do if elected.
- Melissa Marsh is running in tomorrow's Primary for Co. Clerk/Register of Deeds. She also presented her platform to the Board.
- Anne Good updated the Board on things happening at the Library, including the end of the summer reading program, building repairs completed by volunteers, and participation in the parade for Heritage Days.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A check was received for \$4010 for the summer tax collection (\$2.50X1604 parcels). A motion was made and support given to accept the report and place it on file. Motion passed. The following are the account balances were reported:

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| Money Market | \$57,460.78 |
| Checking | \$ 3,997.94 |
| | \$61,458.72 |

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The assessor shared information with the Board regarding transfers of property ownership and the affect it as on property tax bills if people don't report transfers. The taxes become uncapped and start accumulating when the transfer takes place but sometimes people don't report the transfer for many years later, causing extremely large tax bills.

STURGIS TOY RUN: A motion was made and support given to approve the Outdoor Assembly permit for the Sturgis Toy Run on Sept. 8-10. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL AUDIT: The information or the annual audit has been given to the auditor for completion by the end of September. The Treasurer has also been in contact with the Library about their participation in the audit.

TOWNSHIP HALL ENTRY: Kevin Miller replaced the entry carpet on the Township Hall.

CEMETERY: Beverly Greshaw reported back to the Board regarding policies of other Townships for repairing old/damaged monuments. Most do not have a policy – larger municipalities have their own equipment to fix. She also compiled a list of fees currently charged by others. Burr Oak has not changed our fee schedule for many years and this list may be helpful in considering updates.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The next meeting is October 17, 2016.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The hot dog sale during Heritage Days made \$1600.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting is in September.

LEGAL UPDATES: Attorney Lance Thornton asked the Board to make a decision regarding how he should follow up on the Big Hill Road property ordered to be cleaned up by the courts by next week. After discussion, the Board requested Glenn Lindsey and/or Lance speak directly with the property owner, rather than her son, to make sure she knows exactly what is going on and the impact noncompliance will have on her. It will be reviewed again in September.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Porter to pay bills amounting to \$26,768.03. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted to approve. A new CD will be opened at Southern Michigan Bank & Trust for the transfer of money to the Fire Truck Fund (per the budget) and include any extra monies donated for the truck. All Board members should be listed as signers.

VILLAGE USE OF TOWNSHIP HALL: The Village is considering moving their office to their police station building. If they move, they would still like to use the Township Hall for meetings since they will not have space in the police station. By common consent, the Board decided they would not have a problem if they used the building for their meetings as long as it was cleared on the calendar. The Township Clerk will keep the calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Tina Cronkhite, Township Clerk