

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2017

6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Gould, G. Letts, J.J. Wells, R. Baker, M. Perry

MEMBER/S ABSENT: None

VISITORS: L. Thornton, C. Abbs-Director of Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consensus.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Cathy Abbs, Director of the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce, attended our board meeting to explain their Statement of Civility. She would like to increase dialogue in all county meetings in a respectful manner and decrease disrespectful dialogue among all participants.

CORRESPONDENCE: The board received a FOIA request from Paul Nachman of American Transparency requesting information including payment information for all vendors we dealt with in 2016. Our attorney is going to look over his request and advise the clerk as to how we should proceed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The account balances were reported as follows:

Money Market	\$ 53,678.81
Checking	\$ <u>624.51</u>
	\$ 54,303.32

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None-Dale Hutson is at a 3-day conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City of Sturgis Electric Franchise Energy Ordinance: Our attorney, L. Thornton, recommended some language changes and asked that it be presented to the Sturgis Commission. This is tabled until our next meeting in September.

Marijuana Facilities Resolution: The Planning Commission will be reviewing this at their next meeting on August 21, 2017, recommending the board either accept or reject it. G. Letts reported that most townships in our county seem to be for this resolution which includes growers, businesses, etc. This is being tabled until the meeting on September 11, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Audit (due September): We are on track and the paperwork is being picked up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery: R. Ultz needs to get quotes on repairing the asphalt roads at the cemetery.

Planning Board: The Marijuana issue was tabled until their August 21st meeting.

Fire Department: Great turnout for Heritage days and sold \$2,100 in food, (hot dogs, etc).

Ambulance Committee: (Next meeting October 26, 2017).

Legal Updates: The Holst property is being scrutinized closely by G. Lindsey and L. Thornton.

Zickafoose property: The mobile home is not yet secured. G. Lindsey is coordinating with Consumers Energy to pull the meter. Sturgis Towing may have to remove a couple of vehicles and M. Poortenga of Colon will help board up the mobile home if needed.

Little Fish Lake signage: Nothing new

Trailer Park: After a drive through, the Michelson property is accumulating piles of junk and becoming a mess. G. Lindsey will drive through and check it out because they do have a court order against them.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Wells to pay the bills amounting to \$27,465.93. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held September 11, 2017 at 6 P.M.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk