

# Burr Oak Township Board Meeting

August 3, 2020

6 o'clock P.M.

Present: Rich Baker, Mary Jo Gould, George Letts, Michael Perry, Anne Good, Deputy Clerk, Attorney, Lance Thornton, Matt Craven Township resident, Kathy Prangle 2<sup>nd</sup> District County Commissioner. Absent: Jackie Everitt-Wells, Clerk for health reasons

- I. Supervisor George Letts called the telephone meeting to order at 6 P.M. Members recited The Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The Agenda was approved by consensus
- III. Mary Jo Gould moved to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2020, meeting with a second by Mike Perry. The motion was approved.
- IV. Comments from Matt Craven expressed his interest in the Township Board reconsidering their position on the Recreational Marijuana ordinance. Commissioner Kathy Prangle reminded attendees that she is running for her current position. She has a Democratic opponent Kathy Greaves in the General Election November 3, 2020. Prangle shared her interest continuing the county Housing Commission which met earlier in the day. She is also interested in exploring internet options for St. Joseph County.
- V. No correspondence
- VI. Treasurer's Report:  
Checking Account: \$2385.53; The Money Market: \$35,200.06. Treasurer Gould remitted \$2375.80, to St. Joseph County. Rich Baker moved to receive the finance report and place it on file. Mike Perry seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion carried without objection on a roll call vote.
- VII. Assessor – no report
- VIII. Unfinished Business
  - A. Cemetery Chapel received two coats of sealer after the roof was repaired
  - B. Outhouse at the cemetery was moved to the Worden School site. The previous site was filled and looks nice.
  - C. Election: Deputy Clerk Anne Good stated that the Township Hall was set up for the Primary Election tomorrow. Polls would be open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. Clerk's office had sent out 307 absentee ballots to township residents.
  - D. Recreational Marijuana Ordinance of January 2019 – 1  
Township resident Matt Craven clarified numbers from his comments at the July 2020 meeting. The per centages of revenues would be allocated to the Township, school, County and roads. Township Attorney Lance

Thornton said the Burr Oak Township board would need to recommend a new ordinance to the Planning Commission. Thornton said that to date he knew of no township in St. Joseph County was permitting recreational marijuana growing operation. Supervisor Letts thanked Mr. Craven for his interest and comments

IX. New Business

- A. Treasurer Gould stated that the audit information would be due in September when Locey's CPA would like our items submitted.
- B. Air Packs the fire department supply is down to ten (10) useable packs. They are getting multiple quotes. Mike Perry commented that they are chipping away during the process. Twelve (12) new packs are needed. Treasurer Gould and member of the Fire Board contacted the County grant writer who will get back to her about possible sources for funding.
- C. Brownfield – Attorney Thornton related that this situation is now at the County level. The developer must be the one to pursue.
- D. Truck bay add-on : Mike Perry reported that with the COVID-19 situation the process of forming a committee was slowing the process.

X. Committee Reports

- A. Cemetery – No report
- B. Planning Board – next meeting is in October
- C. Fire Department – Village of Burr Oak paid their half
- D. Ambulance Committee – no meeting scheduled
- E. Legal Update – Attorney Thornton on the blight issue, a lien would be issued if the Township cleans up the situation; advised the owner to contact Glen Lindsey; Safe Built issued a fine on the Maystead Road situation.

- XI. Payment of the Bills: Treasurer Gould read the list of bills to be paid in the total amount of \$16,428.60. she requested permission to pay the Election Inspectors for their work this week rather than have them wait until September. Permission was granted. George Letts moved acceptance to pay the bills with a second by Mike Perry. Motion carried without objection on a roll call vote.

- XII. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Good

Deputy Clerk