

BURR OAK TOWSHIP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

6:00 PM

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

MEMBER/S ABSENT: R. BAKER

VISITORS: D. Hutson, A. Good, L. Thornton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Gould and supported by Perry to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: A. Good of the township library, made a plea for money, the township library has not received any money this fiscal year. M. Gould mentioned the fact that she as township Treasurer, would be willing to help out with the library's financial books (endowment fund, etc.) and Ms. Good stated they are doing fine now.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following account balances were reported:

Money Market	\$ 15,867.78
Checking	<u>\$ 1,979.93</u>
	\$ 17,847.71

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

D. Hutson explained to the board about the tribunal or (protests) from property owners.

March Board of Review Dates are March 20 & March 21 at 1:30 and 7:30. The alternate for the Board of Review is Timothy Hahn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: R. Baker and R. Ultz have requested quotes for the downspouts/eaves on the township building. When R. Baker returns, he will bring the board up to date.

G. Letts spoke about Plumb Lake County Park which is located in Burr Oak Township. This will be a beautiful new park with pavilions, restrooms, kayaking, non-motorized boats, and camping. As the township board, we are all very excited for this to be in our township.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Budget Work Session will be Tuesday, March 28th, at 6:00 pm. The Budget Hearing will be Saturday, April 1st at 9 am.

There was discussion regarding the 2017 Elected Officials Compensation. The last raises were given in 2013. The current CPI is 4.4%. G. Letts asked what the current wages were for the board and they are as follows: Supervisor - \$8,800, Clerk - \$9,500, Treasurer - \$11,500, Deputy Clerk - \$1,700. J. Wells made a motion to discuss in greater detail at the work session whether or not the board should be given raises, M. Gould supported. A roll call vote was taken; all members present voted to approve. There was a motion by Gould and supported by Wells to change the pay schedule of the trustees from yearly to quarterly to go along with the other board members. Motion carried.

G. Letts reiterated that SAFEbuilt, LLC is the new name of Cornerstone. New permit forms were sent out and printed and are currently available here at the township hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery: None

Planning Board: The next meeting will be held April 17th, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The newest member of the Planning Commission is Tim Hahn and he is also an alternate for the Board of Review.

Fire Department: The board was able to view the new fire department truck before the meeting and we were told they also hired 4 new members to the department.

Ambulance: None

Supervisor Report: G. Letts brought us up to date on the legal issues involving different properties within our township.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Perry to pay bills amounting to \$16,466.51. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM. (Next meeting will be March 6th)

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk