

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

AMENDED MINUTES

February 1, 2021

6:00 PM.

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

**MEMBER/S ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** The meeting was held via a conference call again. The number to call is 701-802-5186 using access code 247795#. Those attending were, Jack Coleman, a New Member of the Road Commission, Matt Craven, Gatha Pierucki, and several Township Residents, Lance Thornton, our Township Attorney, and Dale Hutson, Township Assessor. Each attendee was given 3 minutes to speak on whatever they wanted.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Roll call was taken and the agenda was approved by consensus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** M. Gould made the motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2021 and R. Baker seconded it. Roll call was taken and the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Office hours are on hold due to the Clerk's medical issues. She has many appointments to get to and therefore, is cutting back on the office hours.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Money Market	\$9,049.40
Checking	<u>4,012.30</u>
	\$13,061.70

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Dale attended very close to the end of the meeting. He was having phone problems.

It was reported that the Board of Review for **March** will be held on **March 15 and March 16 from 1:30 – 7:30**. Dale will publish in the newspaper and needs 14 days to have this published in the Sturgis Journal.

The Resolution to Adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines was adopted by the Board on February 1, 2021 with 5 Years and 0 Days. This resolution is solely for the BOR!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The total cost of the roads is \$125,000 of which the County will pay half which is \$62,000. The SJC Road Commission will pay \$31,450 from the Failed Roads and Bridge Fund and the Township will also pay \$31,450. M. Craven asked if private businesses can donate to the Road fund and Yes, they can.

Roads: **Carpenterson Road** (Cracked seal between Kelly Road & Maystead Road, which will not cost the township any money.

**Middle Colon Road** (shared cost with the County Road Commission); Townline Road to Hackman Road, which is 1 ½ miles for the township. The Road Commission will pay ½ amounting to

\$62,000 approximately and \$31,450 approximately for our township. The bill should arrive in Sept, Oct, or November of 2021. Private businesses are also able to contribute to the Road Fund.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Budget Work Session will be held by 2 members of our board to discuss the figures and present them at the Annual Meeting to be held on April 3, 2021.

We briefly discussed the 2021 Elected Officials Compensation. The last increase was in 2017.

Our attorney, Lance Thornton, sent an email to the board requesting a change in his fees for municipal clients which was done 4 years ago. G. Letts made the motion to accept his new fees and M. Gould supported it. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Cemetery:**

Truck replacement and spring repairs – The firemen continue to look for a newer truck and the repairs will be completed this spring.

**Fire Department:**

The Fire Department is still waiting on James Ware Construction for a quote on the new bay.

**Planning Board Committee:** Their next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Ambulance Committee:** Response times is still an issue. R. Baker was not sure when the next meeting is but he will get an email letting him know.

**Legal Updates:** None. The Courts are moving now, just slowly. Lance has gotten some Compliance Orders through.

**Payment of bills:**

The bills totaled \$18,925.37. G. Letts made the motion to pay the bills with M. Perry supporting.

Roll call was taken, motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

The next meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM. via a conference call posted on the Township door.

Jacquilyn Wells

Burr Oak Township Clerk