

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2020

6:00 PM.

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

MEMBER/S ABSENT: R. Baker

VISITORS: Because of the rise in the Coronavirus, the board has decided to have a conference call this month. The number to call is 701-802-5186 using access code 247795#. We had six visitors join us, Matt Craven, Township Resident, A. Good, Deputy Clerk, Lance Thornton, our Township Attorney, Kathy Greaves, running for 2nd District Commissioner, Kathy Humphries, running to County Treasurer, and Dale Hutson, our Township Assessor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M. Gould made the motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020. M. Perry supported. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kathy Humphries, was checking in to answer any questions that the Board may have and thanked us for the opportunity to let her come to our meetings and tell us about herself. Kathy Greaves, introduced herself and told us she is a Park Township resident running against Kathy Pangle, our current 2nd District Commissioner. She asked that we would please listen to her interviews on both the Watershed Voice and the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce. She is running as a Democrat. A. Good, Deputy Clerk explained that the Summer Reading Program at the Library will have packets ready on July 7th. She also gave us their new hours of operation and explained to us that hand sanitizer and safety shields are available to the public. In 2019 the Library Board requested an increase of \$18,500. In March of 2019, for the 2020/2021 Budget they only received \$17,500. They are wondering if we will honor their request? G. Letts said Mary should look at it. A. Good also explained to the Board that it takes 6 minutes to complete an application and ballot in both the computer and by writing it in our booklet, totaling 21.3 hours which we have both worked hard getting these entered.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Money Market	\$ 34,808.06
Checking	<u>9,271.17</u>
	\$ 44,079.23

We received a sales tax check which was not included in the totals above. M. Perry made a motion to accept the Treasurers report and it was supported by J. Wells.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT:

Dale mentioned the property that is on Halfway Rd. and US 12, currently as Jorge’s Bar, the company purchasing that building are interested in requesting a Brownfield. They would like a letter from our Assessor saying the building is obsolete. Kathy Knapp of the EDC has Brownfield Authority and is

handling this according to our Assessor. He went on to clarify to the Board what the Brownfield is, exactly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Cemetery chimney flashing to be fixed around chimney will be fixed very soon. The Out house removal will be removed in a couple of days and is hopefully resolved.

Dust Control Update: G. Letts heard from J. Lindsay and because of our lack of rain, it should begin next week. It is, however, in motion, and the roads will be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will start work on the 2020 Audit information due to Locey's by early September. They would like all of our tax forms, receipt book copies, etc. by the first part of August.

G. Letts covered the Site Plan Review (U.S. 12 / Halfway Road).

Recreational Marijuana Ordinance 2019-1 – Matt Craven wishes that the Board would opt in. L. Thornton, the township Attorney said it would need to go to the Planning Commission where it would take a minimum of 6 months to move through the process. The main thing is the Township doesn't have police protection. J. Wells made a motion to further study the process of Opting In. There was not a second. This issue was tabled until the next meeting in August when R. Baker could attend and ask any questions he might have.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery- The Board talked about the flashing and the out house removal.

Planning Board – The next meeting is July 15, 2020.

Fire Department: The next meeting is July 15, 2020. They had a new bay surveyed and M. Perry explained the Fire Departments need for new Air Packs because of COVID-19. They are very costly, so the Fire Chief, the Assistant Chief and M. Perry will put some numbers together and let us know.

Ambulance Committee – The next meeting is July 25th, 2020.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills totaled \$28,885.64. G. Letts made a motion to accept the bills and pay them with M. Perry supporting. Roll call was taken, all approved, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM. and the next meeting will be held on August 3, 2020 at 6 PM.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk