

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2021

6:00 PM.

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

MEMBER/S ATTENDING OR ABSENT:

Those attending were Lance Thornton, Township Attorney, Mike Stiles, WBET RADIO, Anne Good, Deputy Clerk, Matt Craven, Gatha Pierucki, Dick Alldredge, Jayna Beard, Melissa Johnson, all Burr Oak Township Residents. Travis Copenhaver, Attorney from Ann Arbor, Terry Weinberg, Centreville, and Matt Casner, John Day, and Janique Eagy all Sturgis Residents. Each attendee was given 3 minutes to speak on whatever they wanted.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was done and all were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M. Gould made the motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021 and R. Baker seconded it. Roll call was taken and the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: Travis Copenhaver said he and Matt would like to address the marijuana issue in Unfinished Business. The supervisor said there was not a problem.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

<u>TREASURER’S REPORT:</u>	\$ 45,742.60	w/o Sales tax check \$ 27,881.00
	\$ <u>9,365.65</u>	
	\$ 55,108,25	

ASSESSOR’S REPORT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: RE: Recreational Marijauna: R. Baker wanted to know if there were any other businesses like M. Craven’s? After much discussion, R. Baker made the motion to hire the attorney in Grand Rapids to prepare a Sample Ordinance with M. Gould supporting. A vote was taken and the following was recorded: M. Gould -Yes, J. Wells-Yes, G. Letts, -No, M. Perry-No, R. Baker, -Yes; 3 yea’s and 2 nay’s, the ayes have it, 3 yea’s, 2 nay’s. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Starting work on 2021 Audit due in September: M. Gould said that we will have an F65 backup of Quickbooks done, and in 2022 a full blown audit will be done by Taylor, Plant and Watkins.

Insurance renewal for 2021 of the Decker Agency: Completed and check issued July 12, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Act: Village and Township due 7/27/21

Heritage Festival: They would like use of the hall Saturday, July 31st, for the seniors to come in and sit if needed and babies as well to be changed.

Wages: G. Letts received a call from the assessor regarding his wages which we raised by \$30 per pay period. D. Hutson does a great deal for our township and does it well. We decided to raise his wages by \$1,500.00 a pay period to \$3,065.00/a quarter. G.Letts made the motion to support a wage increase for

the assessor with M. Gould supporting. A vote was taken and recorded as follows: J. Wells-Yes, G. Letts-Yes, M.Perry-Yes, R. Baker-No, M. Gould-Yes; The ayes have it, 4 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery (Truck situation) R. Ultz has been using his own truck so G. Letts will be contacting Sturgis regarding purchasing their truck. Also, M. Gould, J. Hall, and M. Gould's brother painted the chapel building. A big thank you to them. And we will get a quote for a metal roof for the chapel.

Fire Department – The wheels are moving.....James Ware was down and had the masonry guy down checking things out. Also, the fire department would like the township to consider using the phone so we are only paying 1 bill instead of 2. There is not a problem in doing this.

Ambulance Committee: Julie Barkey has paperwork for either R. Baker or G. Letts to sign. One of them just needs to stop in at city hall to sign.

Legal Updates – L. Thornton, attorney, said we will be hiring contractors to clean up and charge for some of the messes that seem to be problematic.

Payment of Bills \$34,778.61 R. Baker made the motion to pay the bills with M. Perry supporting. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

The next meeting will be August 2nd, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Jacquilyn Wells

Burr Oak Township Clerk