

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2018

6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBER/S ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Dennis Smith, Candidate for 59th District Michigan House of Rep., Richard Persing, Gene Yoder, Joyce Yoder, Ann Wiedlea, John Wiedlea, Ray Przybysz, (All are Prairie Lake Residents) Dale Hutson, Township Assessor, Rich Ultz, Cemetery Sexton/Fire Chief and Lance Thornton, Township Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Baker to approve the May minutes and seconded by Perry. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dennis Smith, Candidate for the 59th District Michigan House of Rep. was present and wanted to introduce himself to the board and guests. He is a Democrat and his interests fall mainly with teaching and schools and Economic Growth.

Gene Yoder spoke for the Prairie Lake residents and their interest in pursuing flood insurance. Supervisor, G. Letts explained the N.F.I.P. (National Flood Insurance program). Currently, White Pigeon and Colon are in this program and possibly Mendon and Three Rivers. Letts will be getting an Application for the township to apply to this program moving forward. A resolution and an ordinance will follow allowing the residents to purchase flood insurance at a lower rate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bids for our Electrical was talked about by Letts and he currently has 1 bid and 2 to go for the Fire Dept., Township Hall, and the Library. We also have 1 bid in for the Cemetery roads to be paved. We will cover these at our next meeting in July.

TREASURER'S REPORT: M. Gould reported the following:

Money Market	\$ 57,746.74
Checking	\$ <u>5,325.25</u>
	\$ 63,071.99

A motion was made by Letts and supported by Baker to receive the report and place it on file. A roll call vote was taken and all approved. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Dale explained and also gave each board member a handout explaining in detail the MTA's response with recommendations for Property Assessing Reform. Senate bill #1025 could pass in the winter session and he urged each of us to read our handout from the MTA. The biggest concern is staffing levels which will cost the county and township residents all extra money.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dust control Update: Nothing new from last month. The clerk has not received any new calls.

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorial Day Celebration and Gratuities: Supervisor Letts said the Cemetery looked beautiful and the program went very well. There were lots of tears during the speaker's, Richard Persing speech, who is a Vietnam Veteran. It was decided by the board to give each person involved in the program a \$40.00 gratuity. Veterans from Colon and Bronson who were our Color Guard, Pastor Kurt Kuhlman of St. Johns Lutheran Church who gave the invocation, Stacey Wyatt and Vicky Currier who performed our music and Richard Persing, our speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery - (looked GREAT for Memorial Day Services)

Planning Board – The next meeting is July 16th at 7:00 P.M.

Fire Department – The Fire Department did very well on their fish fry. Their next meeting is June 21.

Ambulance Committee – Their Next meeting is July 27, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. R. Baker has yet to receive anything regarding these meetings so Supervisor Letts is going to contact Mike Himes, the Fawn River Township Supervisor.

Legal Updates – According to our attorney, Lance Thornton, the Needham Road property is in “horrible condition” and the owner is being ticketed by G. Lindsey.

Also, 62080 Burr Oak Road, is in violation of a shed and Glenn will be talking to the owner.

Lance did recommend that the Planning Board take a look at Solar which is becoming extremely popular now.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Baker to pay the bills amounting to \$14,704.17. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. and our next meeting will be held July 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk