

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2020

6:00 PM.

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

**MEMBER/S ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** Per the Governors order we are having a conference call. The number to call is 701-802-5186 using access code 247795#. We had two visitors plus Lance Thornton, our township attorney. The people calling in were Gatha Pierucki, township resident and Matt Craven, also a township resident.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved by consensus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** M. Perry made the motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020. R. Baker supported. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

The men's bathroom on the Fire Department side now has a handicap commode installed and fixed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** L. Thornton will be on vacation May 4-18, 2020.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Money Market	\$ 58,581.29
Checking	<u>2,773.78</u>
	\$61,355.07

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

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Dust Control Update: There is nothing new other than the Clerk has received approximately 6 calls and they have been added to the list.

An ad will run in the Sturgis Journal on April 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the 2020 Dust Control program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reading of the 2020/2021 Budget:** Supervisor Letts asked for comments on the 2020/2021 budget and there were none. The second reading was approved by Letts and supported by Wells. A roll call vote was taken and all approved. Motion carried.

**2020/2021 Wages:**

There will be no increase this year, the last increase was in 2017 and will be revisited next year.

**Township Clean up Day** has been rescheduled to May 16, 2020. It previously had been scheduled for April 25, 2020 and was canceled due to the Covid 19 Virus. We will assign people to work at the next meeting.

**Memorial Day Service:** Tentatively Supervisor Letts will get a hold of the Color guard and the Speaker for this years event. It will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

**2020/2021 Meeting Times:** The board will continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. The only month that will be changed is September, due to Labor Day. That meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemetery-** The Cemetery still needs a new mower and we have a quote of \$9,423.18. Depending on the trade in they give us, it will be less. Wells made the motion to support the cemetery getting a new mower, Gould seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all approved. Motion carried.

**Planning Board** – The next meeting is April 20, 2020. That meeting has been canceled due to the Covid 19 virus and the Governor’s order.

**Fire Department:** Nothing

**Ambulance Committee** – The board or R. Baker has not heard if the April 23, 2020 has been canceled.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

The bills totaled \$16,335.72 and were read by Treasurer Gould. Perry made the motion to pay the bills and Letts seconded it, minus the \$87.00 water bill due to the Village. Gould was instructed to Void the check until Letts speaks with the Village president as how we move forward. Roll call was taken, motion carried.

Wells suggested that the Election workers as well as Anne Good, the clerks new Deputy be paid at least \$12.00 per hour. Burr Oak is the least paid township and they deserve it due to the hours worked during an election and to show our appreciation of their service.

M. Gould suggested at the same time, we should increase Justin Wells pay to \$12.00 an hour. Wells made the motion to approve an increase for A. Good and the election workers, Gould supported.

As soon as the Governor's order is lifted, the office will be open on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s from 9-3 PM. Mike Bobalik, our webmaster, will post this as soon as possible on our Web page.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm. and the next meeting will be held on May 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk