

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2020

6:00 P.M.

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#. We had several visitors join us, Matt Craven, Township Resident, Lance Thornton, our Township Attorney, Dale Hutson, Township Assessor, Dan Cherry, Sturgis Journal, Beau Roderick, and Brian Trouten, all Township Residents and Gatha Pierucki were all given 3 minutes to speak on any topic they chose to.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: By consensus our agenda was approved.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Matt C. wanted once again, to address the issue of Adult use Marajaunaa and explained the financials to the board. He would like it to be put on the agenda again.

Brian T. made his thoughts known as well and is highly in support of Mr. Craven.

Gatha P. wanted George to address the Deputy's hours and her pay. He did so and explained it was for 2 months (August and September) and that the Clerk needed help with the amount of Absentee ballots being requested.

CORRESPONDENCE: The board each received an email from J. Lindsay, Director of the Road Commission inviting us to attend a meeting and discuss any concerns, projects and funding for 2021. The meeting would last approximately 1 ½ hours. Our board decided that we would not attend.

The Township will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting January 5, 2021. This will allow the public to come in and see the clerk and ask questions, if need be. Also, this will allow the clerk to complete her work in a timely fashion. G. Letts made the motion to honor the hours requested and R. Baker supported. Roll was taken and all approved but M. Gould. She voted Nay because she didn't believe the board should say when the clerk would be working. Motion carried. She later rescinded that Nay vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money Market	\$17,085.31	(The sales tax check was \$31,346.00)
Checking	<u>12,389.51</u>	

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Dale reported on the County's Interlocal Agreement, explaining it is a state requirement for the County to have an Assessor and that the agreement is good for 5 years. Each Supervisor from the 16 Townships must initial or sign the agreement and send back to the County to Josh Simmons, the County Equalization Director. G. Letts has done this and has a copy in his office.

He also reported the BOR will be held December 14th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The Board also received a letter of resignation from Jeff Brazo. He explained its time and that the BOR needed “newer, younger people”.

Covid-19 will definitely affect the BOR for December although, he doesn't see a change for the March BOR.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Cemetery Chapel - The walls are refinished and patched and it looks very good. The inside does need repainted now. The Board will address that in the Spring during the warm up.

NEW BUSINESS:

G. Letts is working on the 2021 Committee Assignments and reported that the following board members would still stay on the following committees:

Cemetery: B. Greshaw

Fire Department: M. Gould

Ambulance: R. Baker

Legal: G. Letts

Planning Commission and ZBA: T. Hahn

M. Perry wanted to reiterate that he is an alternate on the ZBA Board.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery: Was covered above and looks great for 2021!

Fire Department:

Air packs are in and training begins next Wednesday, December 9th.

Ambulance Committee: Will meet sometime in January, TBD.

Legal Updates: None.

Covid-19 has slowed everything down in the Court system

Payment of bills:

With the payment of A. Good, Deputy Clerk, the bills totaled \$22,533.63. M. Gould. agreed to pay \$22,181.61 without paying A. Good for her October hours. G. Letts made the motion to pay the bills with R. Baker supporting. Roll call was taken and all agreed except M. Gould voted Nay. She only agreed to pay the \$22,181.61. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M. The next meeting will be January 4th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via a conference call.

Jacquilyn Wells

Burr Oak Township Clerk