

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2020

6:00 PM.

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

**MEMBER/S ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** Lance Thornton, Township Attorney, Jack Coleman, resident of Park Township running for Aaron Miller’s seat on the State House of Representatives, Matt Craven, Township resident, Dale Hutson, Township Assessor and Kathy Humphreys running for Treasurer of St. Joseph County.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Gould to approve the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes and was seconded by Perry. The minutes were approved.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Kathy Humphrey’s wanted to explain her platform as she is running for St. Joseph County Treasurer. She has worked in the Treasurer’s office for 16 years. She also explained about herself and her family and just wanted us, as a board, to get to know her.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Money Market	\$ 20,738.82
Checking	<u>4,654.23</u>
	\$ 25,393.05

A motion was made by Baker 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:** BOR protest dates are March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 until 7:30 P.M, at the Township Hall. Dale reported that the laws will be changing for the Board of Review and that our rate of inflation is 1.9%. Dale also explained that each member of the BOR needs to have 3 hrs of training of which the State will offer classes starting in 2021. Dale also offers classes which comply with the State rules and regulations at NO Charge.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ROADS:** The County advised the board to share Maystead this Spring (Needham to Carpenterson). The township share would be \$35,350.00. They also quoted Timberly, Evergreen and Stillwater. Baker asked about a “private contractor” which the Board seemed to show interest in pursuing.

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Clerk Wells named Anne Good as her Deputy Clerk. Anne’s salary will be discussed at our Budget Work Session on March 30, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Special Meeting Dates: Budget Work Session will be Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. The Budget Hearing will be held Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

2020 Elected Officials Compensation: The boards last increase was in 2017. Baker suggested we stay the same.

Township Hall needs new eves: They are rusting out, leaking water and we have a total of 85' to replace. Baker made the motion to spend up to \$1,200 to replace and Letts supported his motion. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemetery-** The Cemetery still needs a truck and the spring repairs still need to be done.

**Planning Board** – The next meeting is April 20, 2020. The following dates for the balance of their 2020 meetings are: July 20, and October 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

**Fire Department** – They are budgeted to buy more equipment.

**Ambulance Committee** – The next meeting will be in April of 2020. The exact date is not known.

**Legal Updates:** Letts spoke a little about the home on the curve on Big Hill Road, Glenn is aware of it. Also, he received an anonymous phone call regarding Jorge's on Halfway and US 12.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

The bills totaled \$17,119.89 and were read by Treasurer Gould. Letts made the motion to pay the bills and Wells seconded it. Roll call was taken, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. and the next meeting will be held on March 2nd, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Baker will chair because Letts will be on vacation.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk