

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 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, A. Good, Deputy Clerk, Lance Thornton, our Township Attorney, Rodney Reed, Township Resident, Travis Copenhaver, Attorney for the Marijuana issue) and Dale Hutson, Township Assessor, Beau Roderick, Brian Chapman, Rebecca Johnson, and Brian Trouten, all Township Residents among many others.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: By consensus our agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Baker made the motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020 and J. Wells supported. Motion carried. M. Gould said the checking should be \$521.54.

COMMENTS FROM THE: FLOOR

Matt C. wanted the board to know that there is a traffic tie up with the loading and unloading of pigs on US 12. He said they do a 5 point turnaround which holds up traffic. Supervisor Letts said that he will call and advise the board of his findings but R. Baker said they shouldn't be able to do that.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money Market	\$ 5,738.65
Checking	<u>2,550.66</u>
	\$ 8,289.31

Rich B. made a motion to accept the Treasurers report and place it on file. It was supported by M. Perry. Motion carried.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Deputy Clerk's Pay for August and September: after more discussion regarding the amount of hours she has worked for the Clerk, it was decided to pay her for 76 hours worked during those 2 months. A roll call was taken, and R. Baker, M. Perry, G. Letts and J. Wells all voted Aye, with M. Gould voting Nay; The Ayes have it, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Plowing Bids: Denny Gray who has since retired, charged the township \$65/hr for 4" of snow or more. Matt Craven put in a bid of \$75/hr for 4" or more of snow and Jerry Foster was awarded the bid because he would charge us \$62.00/hour for 4" or more of snow. J.Wells made the motion to accept J. Fosters bid and M. Perry supported. Motion carried.

15 copies of Zoning Ordinances for Board members at Lance's office. The Clerk is to pick them up.

Audit Update: The audit is now complete and as soon as we can meet Person to Person, Kim Bontrager of Locey's will come to our meeting and present the completed audit.

New Business:

SafeBuilt Contract Approval:

The fees have changed and should now align with the State of Michigan.

Cemetery: (Inside fix-up starting November 4th)

The chimney is fixed and a small part of the ceiling.

2021 Planning Board Meeting Dates:

The Planning Board now has set the 2021 meetings for January 21st, April 19th, July 19th and October 18th with all meetings starting at 7:00 P.M..

Fire Department:

The men will start cleaning out the tax room in the basement as well as the Election room and taking the Village stuff to the Village.

Ambulance Committee: Will meet sometime in January.

Legal Updates:

Covid-19 has slowed everything down in the Court system

Payment of bills:

With the payment of A. Good, Deputy Clerk, the bills totaled \$16,010.53. R. Baker made the motion we pay A. Good for August and September, and M. Perry seconded it. Roll call was taken and all supported except M. Gould. Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. The next meeting will be December 7th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. via a conference call.

Jacquilyn Wells

Burr Oak Township Clerk