

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2019

6:00 P.M.

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

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, and Mike Keeslar, Assistant Fire Chief, Rich Ultz, Sexton and Fire Chief.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Baker to approve the October minutes and seconded by Perry. Motion carried. Gould suggested changing the October minutes to read that 1 dehumidifier and a sump pump was purchased for the Fire Department to solve their mold and mildew problem.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mike Keeslar, Assistant Fire Chief, asked the board about whether or not we are going to build an addition onto the Fire Department to give them more needed space. Supervisor Letts explained that we have discussed this some in the past but until we receive a proposal, with sizes, setbacks, etc., from the Fire Chief, we can then address the issue.

Jack Coleman, running for State House of Representatives, wanted to make an appearance before Thanksgiving and wished the Board a Happy Thanksgiving. He also handed out a new campaign postcard that explains who he is and also asked if the Board had any questions.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Letts reminded the Board about the meeting with the Road Commission November 6th at 8:30 a.m. He asked if anyone wanted to attend with Gould and him. He also asked if the Board had any comments or suggestions, on road issues, they can take to the Commission. Baker mentioned the rough shoulders on Hackman Road and that they need to be reminded of Maystead and Needam Road problems.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Money Market	\$ 37,765.43 (included in this figure is the Sales Tax Check)
Checking	<u>\$ 4,348.94</u>
	\$ 42,114.37

A motion was made by Baker and supported by Letts 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:

Snow Plowing Bids Needed: R. Ultz, Sexton, reported that Denny Gray (who has done the snow plowing in the past) submitted a bid same as last year. \$65/hr. for 4” or more snow.

The second bid came in from Matt Craven at \$75.00/hr. for 4” or more snow.

The board voted and decided to stay with Denny Gray with the lowest bid. Gould made the motion to accept Denny's bid and Wells seconded it. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will need a new Deputy Clerk January 1, 2020. The deputy will be appointed by the Board Clerk. The Board Clerk will suggest a dollar amount to pay and bring it to next month's Board meeting.

The Board discussed a Dog Kennel/Breeding Establishments ordinance, that will be coming back to the Township, after the County looks it over and gives their suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery – Bev Greshaw, will be resigning her position of Deputy Clerk January 1, 2020. She would like to continue taking care of the cemetery records, which she has been doing over the last several years and has enjoyed doing them. The Board agreed and will continue to pay Bev for her work with the Cemetery.

R. Ultz, Sexton, asked the board to let him purchase a Stihl back-pack leaf blower, at a cost of \$549.00. Baker made the motion to purchase the leaf blower and Gould seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Fire Department – The fire chief reported that the lettering on the new fire truck is completed and it should be in operation within a month.

Ambulance Committee – Letts, Township Supervisor, attended the October meeting in R. Baker's absence. Discussion was held regarding the addition of five townships and one village to the group for service. The thought being to continue the current assessment cost for all existing members. This issue to be discussed further in future meetings as more research is completed. Response times continue to be good and Sturgis requested to amend their existing response times to better serve their needs. All Townships will take the suggestions to their Boards for discussion.

Legal Updates – The issue regarding the Maple Lane property brought up at last months Board meeting has been addressed and SAFEbuilt has sent them an ordinance violation notice giving them until 11/5/19 to respond.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The bills amounted to \$17,090.25 and Letts made a motion to pay the bills with Baker supporting it. Roll call was taken, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on December 2nd, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk