

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2017

6:00 P.M.

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

**MEMBER/S ABSENT:** None

**VISITORS:** L. Thornton, Attorney, D. Hutson, Assessor, Kim Bontrager, Locey CPA, Anne Good, Aaron Miller, State Representative of the 59<sup>th</sup> District

**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.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:** Kim Bontrager (Locey CPA) reported that the township had a clean audit and explained the Audit report her company put together. If we have questions, we should contact her at her office and she will get us an answer.

Aaron Miller, State Representative, checked in with our township as he periodically does to see how things are going. He fielded a few questions and explained a couple of bills that the House of Representatives is working on or that were voted down.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letts reported that he received a letter from Chris Minger of the Road Commission and he would like to re-establish the township meetings that we had at one time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The account balances were reported as follows:

Money Market	\$ 51,642.04
Checking	\$ <u>1,721.67</u>
	\$ 53,363.71

M. Gould, Treasurer, also reported we had received a check from the State for taxes for \$26,214.00.

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

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Dale Hutson, Assessor, presented the board with the new tax rate of 2.1% but not to exceed 5%.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Snow Plowing Bids: J. Wells is to contact R. Ultz and let him know that Denny Gray's bid was accepted by the board for snow plowing the cemetery! \$65/hr. - 4" or more snow. Wells made the motion to accept D. Gray's bid and M. Gould seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and all approved. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Wind and Solar Energy Requests:**

Any requests the board receives we will turn over to the Planning Commission to investigate, because our ordinances do not cover solar. They can then return it to the township board with any recommendations they have.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cemetery – The cable is not up yet but will be put up soon.

Planning Meeting – January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department – None

Ambulance Committee – Next meeting is December 3, 2017. Baker is still not receiving emails and M. Himes is the contact for G. Letts to find out why.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Letts and supported by Baker to pay the bills amounting to \$13,665.00. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

The battery recycling continues and is going extremely well.

Dennis Smith, new owner of Jorge's, wants to convert the bar to a banquet hall and a flea market on the weekends. He is meeting with the Planning Commission to gain approval on January 15, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. and our next meeting will be held December 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk