

BURR OAK TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2020

6:00 P.M.

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

**MEMBER/S ABSENT:** G. Letts

**VISITORS:** The meeting was held via a conference call again. The number to call is 701-802-5186 using access code 247795#. We had nine visitors join us, Matt Craven, Township Resident, A. Good, Deputy Clerk, David Stegink (Brownfield), Lance Thornton, our Township Attorney, Kathy Greaves, running for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Rowan Wilson (Brownfield) Cathy Knapp, (Brownfield), Travis Copenhaver, Attorney for the Marijuana issue) and Dale Hutson, our Township Assessor.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by M. Perry to approve the agenda and was supported by J. Wells.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** M. Gould made the motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020 and M. Perry supported. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Matt C. spoke on the issue of medical and recreational marijuana. He is getting signatures on a petition for support of this issue from people that do not want to attend a meeting. Matt asked for the board to recommend a number of signatures that might help us make a decision, Lance Thornton, the township attorney, recommended we didn't give him a figure. T. Copenhaver, Attorney, said he will put together a proposal for the board and we can discuss it further at the next meeting in November.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Money Market	\$ 35,736.71
Checking	<u>2,277.67</u>
	\$ 38,014.38

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 said there was nothing specific to report, there aren't any land divisions, etc. He did speak a bit on the Brownfield Authority trying to help the board to understand the situation better.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Leaf Pickup at Cemetery**-the Village will do this again this year and have committed to having the leaves picked up by 1/20/2021.

**Snow Plowing Bids** Needed-Rich B. told the board that Richie Ultz is getting bids but that whoever wins the bid must be not plow until we have 4" of snow and will be paid by the hour.

**Zoning Ordinance Updated**-15 copies at \$70.00 are at Lance Thornton's office. If anyone is in town and coming to Burr Oak, they may be picked up.

**New Business:**

**Millage info to County:** (Form 591)

The winter information just went to Mary and to the County. The Clerk has not gotten any as of yet!

**Legal Updates: Brownfield Plan Resolution:** This was approved by the County on 9/24/2020. There are a few changes-more in administration fees \$11,500 from \$6,000.00 over 15 years. Cathy Knapp explained the financials to the board and how it affects the board, if at all, over the 15 years. According to Dale Hutson, the Township Assessor, the township would be losing approximately \$400 times 15 years.

R. Baker asked for a motion to approve the Brownfield Plan, J. Wells made the motion and M. Gould supported it. Motion Carried with the amended contract.

**State Bill:** New collection of fees for Safebuilt-this was tabled until the November meeting.

**Property Description Ordinance** – The old ordinance is #2002-1, Lance briefly discussed it with the board. R. Baker made the motion to adopt the amendment of this ordinance and M. Perry supported. Lance requested that the Clerk give him a new number the next day and he will get it published in the newspaper. The new revised number is #2020-2.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemetery-** The roof of the chapel will be fixed at a cost of \$492.00. This was the lowest bid.

**Planning Board** – The next meeting is October 19, 2020.

**Fire Department-** The Fire Department will be getting a new reporting system. Ayres Insurance is purchasing a Desk top computer for the fire department from Ascend Computer.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

The bills totaled \$32, 447.98. J. Wells made a motion to accept the bills and pay them with M. Perry supporting. The first motion was never voted on. M. Gould approved paying \$31,721.50 which is minus A. Good's check. Roll call was taken, Gould-Aye, Baker-Aye, Perry-Aye, Wells-Abstained. The clerk was asked to clarify if the Deputy was to work 6-8 hours per week instead of the 76 hours she logged. The 76 hours was for 2 months of work and R. Baker said we will re-hash this at our November meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. and the next meeting will be held on November 2, 2020 at 6 PM.

Jacquilyn Wells

Township Clerk