

Burr Oak Township Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021, 6:00 P.M

Call To Order

Members Present: George Letts, Supervisor; Rich Baker, Trustee; Mary Gould, Treasurer; Michael Perry, trustee; Anne Good, Deputy Clerk.

Visitors: Ernie Henschel, Amanda Longworthy, Derek Maystead, Amy Maystead, Gatha Pierucki, Matt Craven, Nathan Langworthy, Tim Hahn, Lance Thornton (attorney), Dale Hutson (assessor).

Roll Call: One absent: Jackie Wells, Clerk

Approval of the Agenda: By Consensus

Approval of the Minutes: Rich Baker moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, with a second by Mike Perry. Motion carried without objection

Comments from the Floor: Ernie Henschel requested an update concerning the condition of 67897 Sweet Lake Rd. Attorney Lance Thornton said that six (6) tickets have been issued at that property. Three (3) to the personal representative and three (3) to Richard Johnson. Mr. Johnson cannot legally sell the property as it is part of the Estate. The personal representative did visit the property recently with a police escort. Thornton said that once the compliance order is issued, the Township can then hire a contractor to clean up the property. Supervisor Letts did notify the Heath Department concerning the raw sewage on the property.

Township Resident Matt Craven stated that he did not or would not attempt to influence the Township Board concerning the cannabis project.

Correspondence: Deputy Clerk Good: a bill from the County Road Commission for the paving project on Middle Colon Rd. An F65 audit needs to be completed and returned. It concerns unemployment and workers' compensation information.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Gould distributed the quarterly report to Board members as of 9/30/2021.

Money Marker: \$45, 294.49 Checking Account: \$6,541.22

Rich Baker moved to receive the quarterly report and place it on file. Mike Perry seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Assessor Dale Hutson: Had no report

Unfinished Business:

- A. Village will conduct the annual leaf pickup and dispose of the leaves at the back lot of the Township Cemetery.
- B. Sexton Rich Ultz is seeking bids for snowplowing.

New Business:

- A. Supervisor Letts will contact Assessor Hutson concerning the 591 Millage Form.
- B. Legal Update: Attorney Thornton set up a speaker phone conference at 6:30 P.M. with Attorney David Eberly about the Op-In ordinance requirements of Recreational Marijuana. Attorney Eberly presented information about the various procedures allowed for Opt-In ordinances for the production and sale of recreational marijuana. Board members offered questions concerning requirements. The call lasted one hour.
- C. Rich Baker moved that Attorney Eberly prepare and Opt-In Ordinance for the Township's next meeting. Mary Gould seconded the motion. Motion passed with a roll call taken with all four members present voting yes.

Committee Reports:

- A. Cemetery – Township cemetery roof to be done and Toby cemetery issue referred to insurance
- B. Planning Board – next meeting is October 18, 2021- Tim Hahn
- C. Fire Department – a truck is being repaired. Consumers will require pole to be moved
- D. Ambulance Committee meets October 22, 2021, at 7 P.M. Supervisor Letts attended a meeting in Sturgis with other municipal units concerning ambulance service.
- E. Maple Lane ordinance violations – three properties Michelson, Gephart & Pinion– Rusk Excavating offered a bid of \$6500.00 to clean up the properties. Bowers wreckage bid \$8500.00 to clean up and then store the necessary items of the Michelson property. The Pinion property RV would not be included as part of the court order.

To recoup Township expenses for this clean-up, costs could be put on their property taxes and a lien on the property. Mike Perry moved to accept the Rusk Excavating bid with a George Letts second. The Roll Call vote passed with the four members present voting yes.

Supervisor Letts informed the Board members that the Township could receive American Rescue Funds of \$100,000.00 for 2021 and 2022.

Payment of the bills: Treasurer Gould presented the bills totaling \$20,290.80.

George Letts moved to pay the bills with a second by Rich Baker. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Submitted,

Anne Good

Deputy Clerk