Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Gould, K. Wickey, A. Garl, R. Baker, G. Letts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

VISITORS:

K. Sikorski, A. Wells, L. Wells, T. Conklin, J. Smallwood, N. Perry, G. Piericki, G. Lovejoy, T. Carls, M. Keesler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Baker and supported by Wickey to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Baker and supported by Wickey to approve and place on file the March 3, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A.Ebert presented regarding the May 5th election for the Sturgis Public Schools bond proposal.

R. King spoke to discourage the board on the renewal of the contract for the current assessor.

G. Piericki spoke in support of the current assessor and how helpful he has been for her particular situation.

R. Baker spoke regarding his issue with the assessor uncapping his agricultural property and his recommendation to not renew the contract.

The board requested to schedule a closed session with the current assessor to review concerns and complaints with him.

T. Conklin spoke on the future helicopter activity in the area for EGLE.

J. Smallwood presented a proposal for the purchase of a Type 6 Apparatus for the fire department. A motion was made by Gould and supported by Garl to approve the purchase of a Type 6 Apparatus for the fire department. The motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gould reported that the balances remained the same as they were from the budget meeting in March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Dust control will start in late May or early June and the second application will be in late July or early August. The township will be doing dust control for all of the roads again for 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Second reading for the 2026-2027 Budget as amended. Motion made by Gould and supported by Garl to approve the budget which includes the transfer of funds to the fire department, library, and building funds..

2026-2027 discussion of wages: a motion was made by Letts and supported by Gould to approve the suggested increase of salaries for board and employees. Motion passed 3-2..

Approval of 2026-2027 budget roll call vote: Motion passed 4-1.

Township Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday April 25th from 8am-12pm

Memorial Day Service is scheduled for 1pm on Monday May 25th at the Cemetery.

Approval of 2026 Board Meetings, exemption of September 7th changed to September 14th due to Labor Day. Motion by Baker to approve date and supported by Wickey. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

None

PLANNING BOARD:

Next meeting will be on April 20th for the proposed ordinance change. Wickey stated they should have the language for new ordinance to share at the next board meeting in May.

CEMETERY:

Board conversed on options for new mower. Baker made a motion to purchase a new mower from Millers for $12,599,to keep the old mower, and to have the sexton change the oil and mower blades on old mower. Motion was supported by Letts. Roll call vote 5-0, motion passed.

ZONING BOARD:

Wickey spoke on public Board of Review meetings in March and that it went well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Baker spoke on the success of the fundraiser dinner.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be on April 16 at 6pm.

LIBRARY:

The next library meeting is on April 9th.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Garl and supported by Wickey to pay the bills amounting to $13,552.45. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.