

Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

VISITORS:

G. Pierucki, T. Conklin, A. Good, N. Good, S. Faukenstein, K. Sikorski, M. Craven, G. Persing

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 Gould to amend the March 3rd, 2025 minutes to add that \$5,000 was moved from the contingency fund to the library budget and the \$2,000 was moved from the election salary fund to the election equipment fund. The Township received \$34,418.00 of revenue sharing and the monies from taxes, dog licenses and interest was \$76,709.20.

A motion was made by Letts and supported by Baker to approve and place on file the amended March 3rd, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

N. Good inquired about the plan for fencing at Sanborn Cemetery. Baker stated last quote was over \$9,000 and he is still looking for something lower than that.

S. Faulkenstein asked about fixing the fencing at Toby Cemetery. Craven will get a quote to the township for cleaning/power washing the fence.

G. Persing asked about the alarm going off at the chicken farm on Big Hill Rd. He stated it is going off at all hours of the day/night. Letts stated he will check into that.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Library report was received by the Board.

Wickey spoke of letter received regarding the Michigan Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Grant. Wickey made the motion to look into the grant for fiber optic internet in our area. Letts supported the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The following account balances were reported; Checking \$2,002.58 and MM \$88,959.39. A motion was made by Baker and supported by Garl to receive the Treasurer's Report and place it on file. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Letts stated he let the Road Commission know that the Township would like to do dust control on all roads and do the same as they did in 2024. Wickey made the motion to accept the contract from the Road Commission for the dust control for the year of 2025. Letts supported the motion. A role call was taken and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wickey presented an ordinance variance for the gravel pit for the Road Commission. Letts made a motion to adopt the variance, Wickey supported the motion.

Letts presented the Michigan Gas Utilities Ordinance. Letts made the motion to adopt the Ordinance and Wickey supported the motion.

2025-2026 Budget Approval. Baker made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget and Wickey supported. A role call vote was taken, motion passed.

Township Cleanup Day set for Saturday April 26th, 2025 from 8am-12pm.

Memorial Day Service on May 26, 2025. Board discussed that they would like to continue to have a yearly service. Letts stated he will contact the appropriate groups to get it organized and scheduled.

Board reviewed meeting dates for the rest of the year and agreed to continue with first Monday of the month at 6pm with the exception of September due to Labor Day. September will be on Monday the 8th instead of the 1st.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wickey reported that the Planning Commission is continuing to update and clarify the Zoning Ordinances regarding family businesses. They are attempting to make it more consistent with other area townships.

CEMETERY:

They are waiting on the dump box to be ready to have it installed to the new cemetery truck.

ZONING BOARD:

Next meeting scheduled for 4/8/25 has been canceled due to not having any requests to address.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Gould spoke on renewing the agreement between the Village and Township to jointly share the Fire Department and its services. Letts made the motion to renew the Fire Department Agreement and it was supported by Wickey. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Gould to appoint Steve Faulkenstein to be the Person-At-Large for the Fire Board. The motion passed.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: No updates.

LIBRARY: K. Sikorski spoke on the state funding for the library and that they need to have \$26,002 of community support to be able to receive state funding. The Library Director is now certified.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Baker to pay the bills amounting to \$12,815.96. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.