

Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Gould, R. Baker, K. Wickey, T. Cronkhite ABSENT: G. Letts

VISITORS: G. Pierucki, K. Sikorski, D. Thrasher, T. Conklin, D. Hutson, M. Craven, A. Good, A. Garl

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Gould to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Gould to approve the February minutes. Motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Terry Conklin attended representing the County Commission. He shared that a new 911 tower will be going up this spring.

Ashley Garl asked about the status of the Findley Road speed signs. We will follow up with the Road Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following account balances were reported: Checking – 4,784.48, MM-32,607.77, MM-47,695.60. A sales tax check was received for \$33,618. When taxes are balanced with the County, our portion should amount to \$72,377.72. A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Wickey to receive the report and place it on file. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

BUDGET WORK SESSION – The Board will meet on March 11 at 6 pm for a work session and first hearing of the 2024-25 Budget. The second hearing will be at the regular April Board meeting on April 8th.

CLEAN-UP DAY: By common consent, the Board decided to have our annual clean-up day in conjunction with the Village. Gould will contact the Village to find out what date this is scheduled and contact Legacy to reserve dumpsters.

2024 DUST CONTROL: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Cronkhite to participate in the County's dust control program, and include all dirt roads in the Township, provided the cost remains the same as or close to last year's cost. Motion passed.

ZBA APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Gould to appoint Tim Peterson to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy. Motion passed.

TOWNSHIP HALL OUTDOOR LIGHTING: It is extremely dark in the evening at the Township Hall. An estimate was received to add two lights on the west side of the building to light the parking area and front of the Hall. A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Baker to hire RB Hartman Electric to install outdoor lights at the

Township Hall for a cost of \$1963.80. (Hartman was the electrician hired to complete the electrical work on the new addition to the fire hall)

CEMETERY: The quotes for the fencing at Sanborn Cemetery were all \$10,000+. We'll look at some other, more cost effective options and get new quotes.

ZBA MEETING UPDATE: The ZBA considered two requests at their last meeting. One was approved (Solar panel request), and the second was denied (Setback issue).

PLANNING COMMISSION: A joint meeting for all Townships participating with the Master Plan Update project will be held on March 28.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: They are still awaiting engineer's approval for the new hydrant installation. The department is all being trained on the new software.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: Baker reported that Kalamazoo will no longer have AirCare beginning April 1st. The next committee meeting is April 21.

LIBRARY: Kim Sikorski provided the Board with a packet from the Library Boards February Meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Wickey to pay bills amounting to \$60,961.54. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Tina Cronkhite, Clerk