

Burr Oak Minutes

November 7, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Gould, T. Cronkhite, G. Letts, M. Perry, R. Baker

VISITORS: G. Pierucki, T. Hahn

The agenda was approved by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Perry and support given by Baker to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Mostrom Assoc. requesting zoning information for a request made by resident Mark Swanson. He owns property on both sides of Prairie River Road and would like to sell lots on the east side of the road to add to join the lake front properties across the street. The result would be lake front residents could build accessory buildings on the lots that would normally not be buildable due to size and not having a primary residence. Our Ordinance does not currently allow for this. The Supervisor will respond to the inquiry.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A sales tax check was received for \$37,704 and an insurance check for stolen items at the cemetery for \$1119.66. Account balances reported were \$8846.66 in the checking and \$185,258.05 in the money market. A motion was made by Baker and supported by Perry to approve. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

SNOW REMOVAL: Last month the Board approved snow removal by Matt Craven for the same fee as last year. The Supervisor shared the amount from last year was \$64.20/hour to be plowed when we receive 4" or more of snow.

VARIANCE REQUEST: A resident on Mowry Rd submitted a request for a land division to create two 80 ft properties to share with his sister. He wanted to build a barn on his portion but it would not meet zoning requirements. He is working it out by purchasing property from his neighbor.

NEW LOCKS: the locks on all Township Hall doors were changed/repaired. We will try to limit the number of keys in circulation. The clerk has the extra keys and will keep track of who is issued a key.

ROAD COMMISSION MEETING: Mary attended the Road Commission meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Commission would like us to consider work to County Farm Road next year at a cost of \$50,500. Fawn River would also complete their portion of this road if we agree to it. The Board will review finances to determine if this will be feasible.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, but no one from the Township was able to attend. Meetings for 2023 will be held in February, May, August, and November.

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE: We renewed the hosting of our website for two years at a cost of \$419.99. Mike Bobalik will continue as webmaster.

DEPUTY CLERK WAGES: The Supervisor did a compensation survey with several nearby townships to determine an average wage for deputy clerks in our area. The range was from \$12-\$15/hour. We currently pay \$12. A motion was made and support given to keep the wage at \$12 for now and reconsider an increase with the next budget. Motion passed.

CEMETERY: The backhoe was inspected but found to be in working order – no repairs needed.

*Resolution for Security grant:* The treasurer will submit a grant application to the Decker Agency for increasing security at the cemetery. A resolution was offered by Letts and supported by Cronkhite to apply for \$7500 to increase security at the cemetery by adding cameras and alarm equipment to the storage building. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting to approve. (Resolution 2022-?)

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Andrew Keim submitted a bid that seems like it will be much less than the bid from Ware Construction, however, Keim is requesting an engineering design to quote accurately.

PLANNING COMMISSION: A new member is needed. Several names were suggested and contacts will be made to see if there is interest.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Letts to approve bills amounting to \$26,863.08. A roll call vote was taken, all members voting to approve. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Tina Cronkhite, Clerk