

Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2024

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

VISITORS PRESENT: G. Pierucki, D. Hutson, M. Craven, A. Garl, G. Persing, K. Sikorski

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

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

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Kim Sikorski asked us to follow up on repair of the Library toilets - one has been repaired but one is still not working.

Greg Persing is working with an attorney to appeal the site selection for Mr. Yoder's chicken barn on Big Hill Road. He asked the Township if we would be willing to join his appeal stating there was an error in his application stating it was an existing facility. By common consent the Board felt we should let the appeal play out with the State as submitted by Mr. Persing. The Board is not certain there is reason for appeal and does not want to proceed until a ruling is issued by the State.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following account balances were reported: Checking \$12,213.22, MM \$42,605.49, MM \$47,695.60. A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Cronkhite to receive the report and place it on file. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The March Board of Review Dates are set for March 13 & 14 from 1:30-7:30 at the Sturges Young Center for the Arts in Sturgis.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: The contract has been submitted to participate with other local townships to work together to update our Master Plan.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: The Board will meet on Monday March 11th at 6 pm to work on the proposed 2024-25 budget. The first public hearing of the budget will be at the April 8th board meeting. The Supervisor noted the rate of inflation is 3.2% and should be considered when working on the budget.

CEMETERY: Our security cameras have caught some activity at the cemetery during the middle of the night. The County Sheriff's Dept. has been notified to patrol this area. Also, bids will be collected for new fencing at Tobey Cemetery.

PLANNING COMMISSION: New officers were elected at their last meeting: Kevin Wickey, President and Tim Peterson, Secretary. They discussed tiny homes and looked at a sample ordinance. Their recommendation to

the Township is that if we want to include this in our Ordinance, it should be as a separate property class, such as R-4 so it could be approved in a selected area. Their plans for the coming year are to work on updating the Zoning Map, reviewing the Family Business section of the Zoning Ordinance and working with the consultants on the Master Plan update.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There was a problem with the new overhead door on the addition, but Nottawa Lumber will be making the repair at no charge. The Fire Dept is still waiting on EGLE to approve the new hydrant in front of the Township Hall.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Wickey to pay bills amounting to \$17,951.79. A role call vote was taken; all voted to approve.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Tina Cronkhite, Clerk