

**Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

VISITORS: K. Spence, C. Spence, D. Northrop, A Garl, K. Sikorski, L. Henschel, Pierucki, P. Lung, G. Everson, T. Conklin

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Wickey to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Gina Everson introduced herself as a candidate for County Clerk and shared her experience in the Clerk's office and Register of Deeds. Chad Spence & David Northrop also addressed the Board sharing their platform and plans as a candidate for County Sheriff and Undersheriff.

RESIGNATION OF JEFF BRAZO: The Board received a resignation from Jeff Brazo from the Fire Board. Brazo served as the Township appointee. Gould will contact Steve Falkenstein to see if he is interested in filling the open seat.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A sales tax check was received for \$31,863. The following account balances were reported: Checking – \$13,854.84 and MM - \$171,982.47. A motion was made and support given to accept the report and place it on file. Motion passed.

2024 DUST CONTROL: The Road Commission plans to have the first application of dust control completed by the end of May or beginning of June – depending on the weather. All dirt roads in the Township will be included in the dust control application.

MEMORIAL DAY: The plans for our Memorial Day Service are underway. The service will be at 1 pm on Memorial Day at the Township Cemetery. George Hiller will be the speaker and Sam Stone will provide special music. Kurt Kuhlman from the Lutheran Church will give the invocation and benediction and the Colon American Legion Color Guard will attend.

COVID FUNDS UPDATE: The Township received \$192,000 in Covid Funds. The funds have been used for the following projects:

- addition to the Fire Hall (approx. \$84,000),
- a well at the cemetery (\$7598),
- and repairs to Needham Rd (approx. \$48,000).

We have a balance of about \$52,000. Some of this balance will be used for road repairs on Witt Lake Rd. this year.

WEBSITE ADDITION: We will be adding information to the web page about how to get rid of hazardous waste materials.

CEMETERY: The cemeteries will be clean and ready for Memorial Day.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission discussed the Master Plan update at their last meeting. The Countywide plan update has an upcoming deadline for our input. The Commission made a

recommendation to the Township Board to keep the Planning map along with the goals and objectives of the current Master Plan as they are. A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Letts to accept this recommendation. If changes need to be made in the future, we will address it at that time. Motion passed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The benefit dinner for the fire department, sponsored by the Amish community, raised just under \$9000 for the department. We appreciate their contribution.

The fire hydrant project is still awaiting work by the Village.

**LIBRARY:** The library provided minutes and a draft of their 5 year plan. We also discussed the air conditioner at the Library. It can be repaired rather than replaced. Rusty Baker provided an estimate for the repair with no warranty. The Board suggested we propose an agreement with him that anything we pay him to repair could be applied to a replacement if the repair doesn't work.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Letts and supported by Wickey to pay bills amounting to \$24,076.26. A roll call vote was taken; all voted to approve. Passed.

Tina Cronkhite

Clerk