

Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Gould, R. Baker, K. Wickey, T. Cronkhite, G. Letts. **VISITORS:** G. Pierucki, T. Conklin, G. Persing, M. Craven, K. Sikorski, A. Garl.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Baker to add library roof repair to agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Wickey to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

G. Persing spoke of the chicken barn issue on Big Hill Rd. Cronkhite stated the Township received a letter from MDARD regarding their review of the farm and planned inspections. The follow-up inspection on 7/2/24 resulted in a plan to establish a noise barrier to address the noise complaint.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wickey recently received correspondence from the Housing Coordinator for Saint Joseph County. They met with him the week prior to the meeting to discuss property across from Rousch that has been purchased and had asked about potentially building a housing development on the land. Wickey instructed the coordinator to contact the assessor and Planning Commission and told him it would be a lengthy process.

The first application of dust control in Township has been completed by Road Commission.

LEGAL ISSUES: Trailer at Trailer Park (Michelson property) is up for foreclosure. The County is taking responsibility for the property and is waiting to see what happens. The County will be responsible for the clean-up.

The unauthorized home business on the corner of Hackman and Middle Colon Road was sent another notice and citation.

A single wide trailer has been moved in on cement blocks on Lafayette St. by the Middle School. They have been sent notice regarding this and action has been taken on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEETING WITH DECKER AGENCY: We will have a meeting with our insurance agent to review coverage.

The Heritage Festival is on Saturday July 27th. The Township Board addressed the use of the Township Building for a changing area and bathrooms. By common consent approval was given with the stipulation the building should be clean when they finish.

LIBRARY ROOF: Wickey and Cronkhite reported that bids are coming in for the roof repair of the library. Board agreed to decide at August monthly meeting on repairs once all bids are in.

Also, shut-off valves for outside water have been installed inside the library and the air conditioning has been repaired.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following account balances were reported; Checking \$8,513.43 and MM \$139,023.15. A motion was made by Baker and supported by Wickey to receive the report and place it on file. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None.

ZBA MEETING UPDATE: Next meeting will be on 7/15/24.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The board will be suggesting a change to the Ordinance regarding home-based family business.

CEMETERY: Flags that need disposed of can go to the American Legion to be taken care of. Letts will call Ultz to prepare flags for disposal.

Cameras have been being triggered in cemetery at the hours of 11pm & 1pm, but there have been no issues. The cameras being there flashing seem to be a deterrent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Department is waiting for new quotes for fire hydrant.

Motion made by Cronkhite and seconded by Baker to appoint Steve Falkenstein to the Fire Board as the Township's Member at Large. All in favor.

Baker asked about procedure for Fire Department to use grants to recoup money from call charges. The Village and Township need a combined agreed upon ordinance for fire charges. Cronkhite and Gould stated they would look into the ordinance regarding this. Baker stated that M. Keeslar would have examples of how charges have been for other calls.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: Next meeting will be on 8/22/24.

LIBRARY: The librarian's last day was last week. Allison Idriss will be filling in as a temporary replacement for the librarian.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Letts to pay the bills amounting to \$27,493.84. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.