

**BURR OAK TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 6, 2023          6:00 PM**

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

ABSENT: G. Letts

VISITORS: M. Keeslar, G. Pierucki, J. Bingaman, A. Garl, T. Hahn, V. Reed

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: By common consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

- SafeBuilt representative Vaughn Reed was present to see how things are going and if we needed anything from him (them).
- Mike Keeslar addressed some questions Andrew Keim has regarding the proposed fire hall addition. Andrew is the builder and needed clarification on some things regarding water lines and maneuvering around the property with equipment.
- Also mentioned was a concern over a property on Halfway Road littered with trash.
- Joe Bingaman introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for County Sheriff.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A sales tax check was received for \$34,585. Also, a refund for overpayment in 941 payroll taxes was received due to an error in payment in 2022. The following account balances were reported: Checking - \$10,703.32, MM – \$13,955.99, MM – \$150,222.78. A motion was made by Baker and supported by Cronkhite to approve the report. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Dale was not present. Board of Review dates will be 3/15 and 3/16 at Sturges Young Center for the Arts in Sturgis from 1:30 pm-7:30 pm.

BUDGET HEARING: This was the first hearing of the proposed 23-24 budget. No public comments were received. The second hearing will be at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CLEAN-UP DAY: We will hold our annual clean-up day in conjunction with the Village. The date is tentatively set for April 22.

DUST CONTROL: We will check with the Road Commission to see if they are offering a dust control program this year.

LIBRARY REQUEST: The Library is requesting additional funding to replace their carpet and to purchase additional shelving. The Board decided to table the request until we can get some more information. We would like a representative from the library to attend our next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The next meeting is April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

CEMETERY: A motion was made by Gould and supported by Baker to purchase two trail cameras for security. Motion passed. The sexton is to get prices on motion lighting as well.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Village DPW confirmed our water service is all to code. As part of the building project, the FD would like to add a new fire hydrant. If one can't be purchased in time, the Village has one we can use and we can replace it. The Village mentioned if the new hydrant is installed, we will need a meter for usage.

The Amish fundraiser for the FD is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Nottawa Rd.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: The last meeting was cancelled to due lack of attendance. The next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup>.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Cronkhite and supported by Perry to approve the payment of bills amounting to \$31,726.44. A role call vote was taken; all voted to approve. Motion passed.

Tina Cronkhite, Clerk