

Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Gould, K. Wickey, A. Garl, R. Baker

MEMBERS ABSENT:

G. Letts

VISITORS:

G. Pierucki, B. Greshaw, E. Grubb, A. Wells, D. Hutson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Gould to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Baker and supported by Wickey to approve and place on file the January 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

E. Grubbs spoke regarding his research on the history of Burr Oak he has been doing. He provided the Township Board with articles on the Burr Oak Grange and the Township Library.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Garl spoke of correspondence from Attorney K. Beemer regarding a PA116 for resident Hooley and his request to terminate the PA116 for a portion of the parcel.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gould spoke regarding the budget for the library. With the cost of the new roof the Township is over on what was budgeted and there is a need to adjust funds. Gould suggested moving the unused budget of \$21,000 that was left in the road repairs. Gould made a motion to move the amounts to the library budget, Baker supported. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

The following account balances were reported; Checking \$43,083.36 and MM \$3,554.83. A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Baker to receive the Treasurer's Report and place it on file. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wickey stated there are no new updates on the Master Plan.

Motion made by Gould and supported by Baker to schedule the Budget Work Session Meeting for March 10th, 2025 at 6pm. Board to discuss at Budget Work Session a 3.1% cost of living raise for Elected Officials.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Meeting Dates; A motion was made by Wickey and supported by Baker to schedule the Public Budget Hearing date for April 7th, 2025 @ 5:30pm.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

D. Hutson submitted a land division report to the board. He stated he will not be present for the March 2025 meeting.

PLANNING BOARD:

Wickey reported on an update for the Planning Board from the January 20th meeting and a request for a Special Exemption Use Request that was approved and is pending action from the Township Board. The parcel is currently zoned as Agricultural and the gravel pits will need it zoned as commercial. Letts is currently working with the attorney to make this happen.

CEMETERY:

The Township Board discussed the search for a truck for the cemetery. Gould made a motion to offer \$16,000 on the current truck they were looking at. Wickey supported the motion. Role call was taken and the motion was passed.

Wickey made the motion to purchase the steel dump box for new truck once it is acquired. Baker supported the motion. A role call vote was taken and the motion was passed.

ZONING BOARD:

There are no current ZBA requests and the meeting scheduled for 2/11/25 will be canceled because of this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The cost of the new turnout gear came in under the amount set for the budget.

There will be a department wide CPR training on Wednesday 2/12.

The department has purchased a 20 foot trailer that will have heat and AC to assist firefighters with recovery while actively fighting fires.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE:

Next meeting will be on 02/20/25 at 6pm.

LIBRARY:

Renee has agreed to take the position of Head Librarian and Haley has been hired as the Assistant Librarian.

Renee has completed the forms for the state grant which the library will be receiving annually.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Baker and supported by Wickey to pay the bills amounting to \$23,066.36. A roll call vote was taken; all members voted to approve. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.