

Burr Oak Township Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023 - 6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Gould, T. Cronkhite, G. Letts, M. Perry

ABSENT: R. Baker

VISITORS PRESENT: M. Craven, G. Pierucki, A. Garl

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

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

VISITOR COMMENTS: Gatha Pierucki wanted the Board to know that she has had good experiences working with our assessor, Dale Hutson.

CORRESPONDENCE: A request was received from Mike Bobalik to increase his hourly wage from \$20/hr to \$25/hr for managing the Township's website. A motion was made and support given to agree to the change. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting to approve. Motion passed.

SafeBuilt provided their 2023 Holiday work schedule.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The following balances were reported: Checking 5139.91 and Money Market \$151,414.72. A motion was made by Perry and supported by Letts to approve. Motion passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The Assessor was not present so no report was given. March Board of Review dates were shared by the Supervisor – March 15 & 16 from 1:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Sturges-Young Center for the Arts in Sturgis.

SPECIAL MEETING DATES: The final budget hearing will be at the April 3rd Township Meeting. The date for the Budget Work Session and Annual Meeting will be set at the February meeting.

CEMETERY: It was suggested we look into purchasing motion lights and cameras for the four corners of the cemetery garage as an option for security. More research will be done on this issue.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The next meeting is January 16, 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The engineer's report for the addition to the fire hall was completed and stamped by Raymond Ware. This will allow Andrew Keim to provide an accurate bid for the addition.

There will be a fundraiser dinner in April sponsored by the Amish community with proceeds going to the Fire Dept.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting is February 16th at 7:00 pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Letts and supported by Perry to pay bills amounting to \$25,812.31. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting to approve.

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PRAIRIE RIVER ISSUE: The Supervisor made the Board aware of a potential action by the State to change the classification of the Prairie River. This change would affect the ability of farmers to use the river water for irrigation. He will look into this issue more and discuss with other area supervisors.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Tina Cronkhite, Clerk