

BURDELL TOWNSHIP MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2014

The Burdell Township Board met at the Tustin Community Center for their regular May meeting. Present: Supervisor Charles N. Raab, Clerk Laura A. Peterson, Treasurer Mary Ellen Holmes, Trustee Darwin Norman, Trustee Virgil Asplund, Planning Commission Chair and Cemetery Caretaker Mike Logan and Sexton Don Andreen. Absent: Deputy Treasurer Julie Seguin, Deputy Clerk Sandra Leach, Tustin Fire Board Representative Nancy McCreery and Assessor Arthur Moyses. Guest: Barbara Hazlett.

The regular May Burdell Township Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Appointments of a member and an alternate member to the Department of Natural Resources Zoning Board of Appeals were added to the agenda under New Business.

Norman moved to approve April 8th regular meeting minutes. Asplund seconded. **APPROVED**

Holmes handed out April monthly financial reports to board members. The Treasurers reports were in balance with the Clerk's at the end of April. On April 30th the General Fund checking account and CD accounts total balance was \$110,854.79. The Roads and Bridges Fund balance was \$134,480.76; and the Diamond Lake Special Assessment District Fund balance was \$9,566.27. She has received many requests for tax information from mortgage companies.

Peterson noted that it was time again to trade in last years John Deere lawn tractor used in the cemetery for a new one for an agreed on charge to Voelker Implement Sales of Lake City. This is made possible with use of the MiDEAL plan acquired through the Village of Tustin. Norman moved that we proceed with the trade agreement. Asplund seconded. **APPROVED**

Peterson distributed copies of Cash Account Registers for the months of April and May and the Budget Verses Actual report for the township's General Fund Account; along with reports for the township's Road Fund and the Diamond Lake #1 Aquatic Nuisance Fund.

Trustees Asplund and Norman reviewed receipts and vouchers prior to the meeting. Raab moved to pay the bills as presented. Norman seconded. **APPROVED**

Dahlstrom handed out his monthly zoning permit report. Three permits were issued in April; A cabin with a porch, a commercial building for Amish bakery and a garage. He has met with residents regarding installing a fence and has met a few times concerning the conditional rezoning contract issued to the Amish. He also attended and assisted the Planning Commission meeting on April 16th.

The Fire Board Representative was absent. Minutes from the April 16th regular Fire Board meeting were distributed prior to the meeting to board members.

The Clerk shared that a certificate of liability insurance was received from Merit Network Inc. She also shared that Burnham and Flower Insurance Representative Jeffrey McCray will meet with board members on June 5th at 9:00 a.m. to go over the proposed insurance policy for the upcoming year. Asplund suggested asking him about liability of workers on the township's trash day. Peterson asked if we should consider contacting Cadillac Insurance for a second insurance option. The board was in agreement that we were not unhappy with Burnham and Flower; but wouldn't be against considering other companies. Peterson will contact Cadillac Insurance who is now the insurer for the Tustin Area Fire Department.

The MTA classes that Holmes and Asplund were to attend on May 6th were cancelled. They were given the option to attend the MTA "On the Road" meetings instead for a discounted price. Asplund switched to the June 10th meeting as was offered. Holmes is unable to attend at that time. Raab would also like to attend the June 10th meeting. Peterson will send in the registration for Raab.

The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and precinct worker Diana Weisgerber attended a Bureau of Elections 2014 Election Cycle Preparation meeting on May 8th. E-poll book laptops will be used at the upcoming August Primary Election and the November General Election.

OCTA will be meeting on May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Sherman Township Hall. Guest speakers will be the Northwest Quadrant EMS Base Committee: Jill Halladay, Tammie Stoner and Jeremy Beebe. The clerk shared a copy of an email from Commissioner Tammy Stoner called "Osceola County EMS Proposed Millage Frequently Asked Questions"

The Planning Commission met on April 16th. Chairperson Mike Logan said that they continued to work on the revision of the zoning ordinance. He believes that it's close to completion and hopes that a public hearing will be held yet this year.

Resident Barbara Hazlett shared that Osceola and Wexford Counties Habitat for Humanity are in the process of merging. She also shared that June 3rd is Older Michiganders Day. Many seniors will be traveling to the state's capitol to participate.

Sexton Don Andreen commented that spring burials are starting. He added that Caretaker Mike Logan has assisted him; and was on top of things as he has been with spring clean up. Logan shared that a work crew from the county assisted with clean up for a couple hours. He also said that the water would be turned on this week. Some faucets may need replacing.

Supervisor Raab commented that Trash Day went good. JoAnne Helmbolt and Alan Van Antwerp were thanked for volunteering.

Pieces of the Tustin Area Library and Community Center roof were displayed on the table. Names of roofers were suggested to contact for bids on this reroofing project. It was suggested that we may want to consider a steal roof.

Middle Branch Township has been awarded a Tire Disposal Grant for the second year. It was decided that township officials will work collecting tires on Saturday July 26th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Peterson moved that Norman be appointed as a DNR Zoning Board of Appeals member; and Alan Van Antwerp be appointed as an alternate. Raab seconded. **APPROVED**

The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Laura A. Peterson