

**Burt Township Board Meeting  
April 10, 2001 7:00PM**

**Present:** Supervisor Lee Durrwachter, Clerk Lori Savage, Treasurer Jim Seibert, Trustee Lois Leavenworth

**Absent:** Trustee Rose Benmark.

Eight visitors.

**Public Comment:** Opened at 7:01pm/Closed at 7:02pm.

**Approval of Agenda: Motion by Treasurer Seibert, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth to accept agenda - 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence:** Clerk Savage read letter from Walter H. North, State Senator 37<sup>th</sup> District. Senator North was writing in response to our request for information about legalities involved in changing county lines to become part of Schoolcraft county. Senator North said that he would investigate since this is not something that is common practice in Michigan and notify us when he has more information. Clerk Savage read letter from DNR K. L. Cool, Director DNR, about the Grand Marais Marina. The letter informed the Township that a 2000 Emergency Dredging program grant in the has been awarded to Burt Township. Senator Walter North and Representative Stephen Adamini were copied on this letter.

**Minutes of previous meetings: Motion by Treasurer Seibert, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth to accept minutes of the March 13, 2001, Regular Board Meeting and March 19, 2001, Special Board Meeting - 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's report:** Accepted by Supervisor Durrwachter subject to audit: General Fund \$71,880.79, Improvement \$87,732.12, Medical Center \$985.87, Ambulance \$15,590.93, Fire \$96,869.60, Woodland Park \$40,300.16, Marina \$10,464.57, Water Receiving \$122,723.59, Water Operation & Maintenance \$4365.51, Water Bond & Interest Fund \$14,943.93, Harbor Fund \$51,000.51, Tax Account \$11,624.20, Beach Access \$18,240.30, EDC/Revolving Loan Fund \$114,178.94. Comments by Treasurer Seibert: All accounts owing the RLF are current. There will be a meeting of the RLF Committee on 4/18/01 to prepare a policy to eliminate problems with arrearage. Also, spoke with an investment firm and found that our current CD rate at Peoples State Bank is better rate than we can get through investment firm. Still checking but for now will stay with PSB. May need to borrow \$10,000 from General Fund to start up Woodland Park... will repay as soon as money starts coming into park. The Water Dept. Operating Fund remains critical. All Water Dept. expenses, other than routine labor costs must be cleared with the Clerk and the Treasurer. Money borrowed from the General Fund to pay for the Dredging study should be returned to the General Fund as soon as possible.

**Payment of bills: Approved on motion by Treasurer Seibert, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth to pay bills as presented - 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

General Fund \$15,966.06, Payroll \$6,056.27, Fuel System \$81.95, Improvement \$3523.36, Medical Center \$735.66, Ambulance \$1030.24, Fire Department \$9558.88, Woodland Park \$3580.16, Marina \$18.50, Water Receiving \$4000.00, Water Op. & Maint. \$3691.02, Harbor Fund \$0.00, Revolving Loan Fund \$0.00.

**Reports: Dept. Managers: DPW Manager, Mike Beek** asked for permission to purchase: a fan for the snowblower/tractor (\$325.00); and floor mats for the DPW Building (2 – 3'x10' mats \$230.70). **Motion by Trustee Leavenworth, seconded by Treasurer Seibert to approve these expenses. – 4 Ayes. Motion carried.**

**Park Manager, Pam Hicks** said that she has had five calls from people wanting to camp in the park starting next week. Bowman is coming in this week to clean and start the furnace in the number two bath house. Pam is going to be painting the old bath house. The Class of 2002 offered to help rake. The Camp Cusino prisoners will be available for two weeks. **Water Billing Report: Clerk Savage** stated that \$15,043.16 of the \$20,935.16 has been collected (72%); the remaining balance is 26% residential and 2% business. Also, this fiscal year to date, \$86,369.00 has been collected. Supervisor Durrwachter suggested that we forward this report to our lender, RDA, as a follow-up to addressing their concerns. **Zoning Administrator, Geri Hill** asked if the price of the "Zoning Book" could be increased. **Motion by Treasurer Seibert to increase the price of the book to \$4.25 and the price of shipping and handling \$1.25, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. – 4 ayes. Motion Carried.**

**Supervisor, Lee Durrwachter** reported on the quote from K&K on the re-construction of the Greenhouse. K&K said they do not want to get involved in rebuilding the greenhouse in that location. Gee Petruske mentioned that plants have been growing in the windows of the east end of the Community Center very well for two years now. Supervisor Durrwachter will contact K&K to get their input on using the east end of the building for the construction. Supervisor Durrwachter also mentioned that he received an invitation to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Alger County Road Commission "State of the Art" Garage on April 12, 2001, at 5:15pm. Sandee Sibbald, Township Secretary, added that the ACRC Secretary stated that ONLY the Township Supervisor was invited. Supervisor Durrwachter mentioned that the last day to register to vote is April 23, 2001, for the millage election on May 22, 2001. This is an election to re-secure the current rate of millage. Supervisor Durrwachter stressed that this millage must pass to carry on the current level of services. **Committee Report: Cemetery: No Report. Harbor Committee: Clerk Savage** read a letter from K. L. Cool, DNR Director. Mr. Cool stated that our request for funding will be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality, Coastal Zone Management Program. Clerk Savage read a letter from Former Michigan Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld. Ms. Binsfeld wrote a letter to Vice President Cheney to express her recommendation to include the Grand Marais Harbor restoration in the 2002 budget. Ms. Binsfeld was the former commissioner of the Great Lakes Commission. She has also sent copies of our request to the Interlake Steamship Co. and the Maritime Academy in Traverse City. John Markes added that 56 copies of the report have been sent to concerned parties and the committee feels confident that word is getting out about this need. **Revolving Loan Fund: All accounts are current. No further report available.**

**Policies/Resolutions:**

Pay Rate for Park Attendants – **Motion by Treasurer Seibert to rehire Tim Burkhart as a DPW employee at \$7.50 per hour, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. – 4 ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Treasurer Seibert to hire park employees under the current rate with the option of a merit increase to \$7.50 per hour with recommendation of supervisor after 30 days of employment, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. – 3 ayes; 1 abstention. Motion carried.**

Refund Policy for Park – **Motion by Trustee Leavenworth to adhere to a "No Refund" policy for campsites at the park, seconded by Treasurer Seibert. – 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A) Marina Ordinance: Motion by Treasurer Seibert to adopt Burt Township Ordinance No. 01-02: Ordinance Enforcement Officer Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. Roll call vote was taken. Leavenworth-aye; Seibert-aye; Durrwachter-aye; and Savage-aye. Motion carried. Ordinance adopted. Motion by Treasurer Seibert to adopt Burt Township Ordinance No. 01-03: Boat Launch User's Fee Ordinance, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. Roll call vote was taken. Seibert-aye; Leavenworth-aye; Durrwachter-aye; and Savage-aye. Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.** Both ordinances will be published in the Grand Marais Gazette. Ordinance No. 01-03 will take effect 30 days from the date of publishing. **B) Dredging** – Supervisor Durrwachter announced that there are some issues that need to be clarified with the Army Corp of Engineers and others before the dredging can take place. Because of time constraints, the Township will contact some companies that dredge and ask for quotes. **C) Risk Control** – There are eight categories that needed to be addressed. The Ambulance Dept. provided a report that shows they have complied with 90% of the potential liability issues. The Fire Dept. did not provide a report for this meeting. Supervisor Durrwachter mentioned that Michigan Township Participating Plan representatives contacted him to ask if they could help us address these issues. **D) Land Use Permits: New Format** – two items were added – a field called "Date to Assessor" and a Last Revision date. **Motion by Trustee**

**Leavenworth to approve the new Land Use Permit Application Forms with those two changes, seconded by Treasurer Seibert. 4-ayes. Motion carried. E) Park Signs – Motion by Treasurer Seibert to authorize spending up to \$400 for park signs, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. 4-ayes. Motion carried. F) Budget Amendments – Supervisor Durrwachter called a meeting for April 17, 2001, at 9:00am to discuss this topic.**

**NEW BUSINESS: A) Approval of 12 summer employee applications for interview and possible hire. Motion by Treasurer Seibert to accept the applications of 7 of the 12 for interview and possible hire, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. 3-ayes; 1 abstention. Motion carried. B) Stump Grinding – Motion by Treasurer Seibert to approve the stump grinding cost for the park, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. 4-ayes. Motion carried. C) Park Certificates – Motion by Trustee Leavenworth to give approval to use park certificates, seconded by Treasurer Seibert. 4-Ayes. Motion carried. D) Water Service Lock-down for non-payment: List of 12 delinquent water customers was presented to the board for disconnection on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Notices will be mailed where able and posted at the homes of those that can't be contacted by mail. E) **Water: Leak Detection, Emergency Backup Chlorination System & New Well** – Supervisor Durrwachter will contact the Leak Detection people to start the process. F) **Audit Bid** – Bids were received from Anderson, Tackman and Company, and Campbell, Kuester. **Motion by Treasurer Seibert to accept bid of \$3600 plus out of pocket expense and mileage for the fiscal year 2000-2001 audit from Anderson, Tackman and Company, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. 4 ayes. Motion carried.** Clerk Savage to write letter to inform Anderson, Tackman and Company of the decision. **G) Other: Behnke Property** - All costs involved in process to obtain quick claim deed are to be paid by the petitioner, including survey and attorney fees. Attorney needs to write letter to Behnke. Supervisor Durrwachter to contact lawyer.**

**E) Adjournment on motion by Trustee Leavenworth at 9:36 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted: Lori Savage, Township Clerk