

Burt Township Board Meeting
March 13, 2001 7:00PM

Present: Supervisor Lee Durrwachter, Clerk Lori Savage, Treasurer Jim Seibert, Trustee Lois Leavenworth, Trustee Rose Benmark. Eighteen visitors.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:01pm/Closed at 7:06pm.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Treasurer Seibert, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth to accept agenda -5 ayes. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: Clerk Savage read letter from Alger Conversation District requesting time at our March 13, 2001, meeting to make a brief presentation. Richard Coombs, Director, began the presentation. They are looking for local input to pinpoint areas where the Alger Conservation District can help Burt Township locate areas that need help and the grant monies to fund it. They suggested that the Sucker River be one of the areas. They will be attending the May 8th meeting to get an input list. Letter to John Markes from Bart Stupak about the Harbor Project. Letter from Chief Nestle to Ed Bowen concerning the Splash-in on our Bay coming June 22-24, 2001. Letter to Bob Weston, Director Burt Township Ambulance from Carol Isaacs, Dept. of Community Health, to announce the approval of grant funds in the amount of \$16,622.00 to purchase defibrillators. Letter from Department of Natural Resources announcing the approval of grant funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 to match with \$2,400.00. Supervisor Durrwachter asked that it be put on the agenda. Treasurer Seibert said to put it as New Business Item 6A. Letter from Gary Laysell requesting that State Troopers be allowed to use the Alger County Sheriff's Dept. radio frequency. Treasurer Seibert said to put under New Business Item 6B. Letter from John Engler's office in response to the information about the Alger County Road Commission plans.

Minutes of previous meetings: Motion by Trustee Leavenworth, seconded by Treasurer Seibert to accept minutes of previous board meeting and special meetings - 5 ayes. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report: Accepted by Supervisor Durrwachter subject to audit: General Fund \$43,962.46, Improvement \$75,140.42, Medical Center \$830.54, Ambulance \$15,779.54, Fire \$99,061.68, Woodland Park \$43,312.44, Marina \$10,434.14, Water Receiving \$118,812.52, Water Operation & Maintenance \$2,147.21, Water Bond & Interest Fund \$14,888.46, Harbor Fund \$48,328.96, Tax Account \$165,782.64, Beach Access \$18,240.30, EDC/Revolving Loan Fund \$108,518.70. Comments by Treasurer Seibert: Money transferred from Park CD to Park Fund to cover the \$29,000.00 bill; Have asked firm of Anderson, Tackman to give bid for auditing; Received Swamp Tax funds in the amount of \$29,650.00 which will be added to the General Fund.

Payment of bills: Approved on **motion by Treasurer Seibert, seconded by Trustee Benmark to pay bills as presented except the one to the Munising News until verified - 5 ayes. Motion Passed.**

General Fund \$5,604.08, Fuel System \$12,607.38, Improvement \$2,500.68, Medical Center \$824.40, Ambulance \$1,148.52, Fire Department \$9,992.75, Woodland Park \$34,258.17, Marina \$441.35, Water Receiving \$8000.00, Water Op. & Maint. \$13,156.56, Harbor Fund \$50.00, Revolving Loan Fund \$890.00.

Reports: Dept. Managers: DPW Manager, Mike Beek reported that he completed a monitoring schedule. Water usage is up during height of snowmobile season. Leak by Neil Beaver's house is a very small valve leak and will be fixed in the spring. **Supervisor,** Lee Durrwachter reported that Mary Beth Venturato was injured after the March 6th meeting at the community center. The board is paying medical costs for her. Supervisor Durrwachter also asked for \$340.00 for repairs to the park truck leaf springs, also replaced muffler and oxygen sensor (\$560.00 in expenditures at this time). **Motion by Trustee Leavenworth, seconded by Treasurer Seibert to pay for repair of the Park Truck – 5 ayes. Motion Passed.** **Zoning Administrator,** Geri Hill announced that there is a new file in Sandee's office with Land Use Permits in it. **Committee Report: Cemetery:** Treasurer Seibert announced that the committee will be finalizing plans for the clean up (May 19th). **Harbor Committee:** John Markes announced that the Burt Township School Board supplied a letter announcing their support of the efforts to save the harbor. The Chamber of Commerce is also supplying a letter. Fifty-two copies of the Final Report Study have been sent out to interested parties that may be able to help secure funding. **Revolving Loan Fund:** Ed Bowen reported that they sent out a registered letter requesting that one of the RLF recipients that is consistently delinquent come to the next meeting to explain what can be done to resolve the problem. Delinquency of this nature may jeopardize the committee's relationship with the state and their ability to provide these funds in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1) **Behnke Property – Motion by Treasurer Seibert to give quick claim deed on property to Tom & Linda Behnke, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. 4 – Ayes; 1 – Nay. Motion Passed.** 2) **Burton Avenue Right-a-way –** Supervisor Durrwachter announced that since there is a court involved it takes the Township's authority out of this. Gloria Lundquist asked that the cloud be removed from her title. After reviewing her court documentation, Treasurer Seibert told her that she has claim to the property and that there is no cloud on her title according to the court papers signed by the judge. 3) **WWI Ship's Bell –** Gee Petruske spoke on behalf of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Petruske said that it is a World War II bell. The bell is 10"-11" high made of solid brass. It has an elliptical semi-circle holder on it, which comes down to a stand approximately 14" across. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is recommending a canopy that is removable when the bell is rung. The Auxiliary will draw up the specs and present them to the board. Cost is unknown at this time. Location will be determined later. Mr. Petruske suggested that maybe the flag pole area would be good. Supervisor Durrwachter mentioned that we will be doing some repair work at the marina so we want to put the bell where it won't need to be relocated. 4) **Greenhouse Construction –** Joe Frances furnished the board with picture and information about proposed greenhouse. Joe Frances's proposal states: The proposed greenhouse will be 12 foot wide/42 feet long with a 6 foot entryway to the Youth Center, a separate door and wall will be installed both at the front of the entry way and also to the partition off the greenhouse area, snow stops will be installed on the existing roof, the new roof will withstand one foot of load (approximately 30 lbs. – 40 lbs. per square foot of load), structure comes with 10 year factory warranty, bid expires on March 25, 2001, old existing shingle roof will be removed and new roof will be attached to the annex. Price: \$29,250.00. **Motion by Treasurer Seibert to accept Joe Frances's bid, seconded by Trustee Leavenworth. Roll call vote was taken:**

Durrwachter – nay; Savage – nay; Seibert – aye; Leavenworth – aye; Benmark – nay. 2 Aye; 3 Nay – Motion Denied. 5) **Marquette Alger Youth Foundation Proposal –** Clerk Savage talked about the meeting with Steve Peffers, Marquette Alger Youth Foundation. MAYF is looking for Township buy-in to support a Recreation Director position in Burt Township. Mr. Peffers suggests that the Township office oversee recreational activities in the Township. Clerk Savage volunteered to take on the responsibility. Treasurer Seibert recommended that more information is needed before any motions and decisions are made. In the interim, all information will be funneled through the Township office until more information is available. 6a) **Snowmobile Committee Formation –** Ed Bowen asked that the Township Board advertise/post the formation of the Snowmobile Committee asking for volunteers. The deadline for collecting volunteer names is June 15th. 6b) **Water Department Delinquencies –** Clerk Savage explained that out of the \$20,935.16 in water delinquencies that existed in January 2001, \$14,213.16 has been collected (68%). The actual amount of Water Sales this fiscal year to date is: \$81,408.30. 6c) **ACRC Services for Burt Township –** no further information is available. The Burt Township school is providing a bus to transport people to the ACRC Meeting on March 19th. Contact the school if interested. 6d) **Senior Meals – AMCAB –** Jo Lorchon, AMCAB, met with Lori Savage and Pam Hicks about providing breakfast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Gee Petruske said that Jo is

waiting to hear back from the Board about what they want to do. Clerk Savage will call Jo Lorichon. 7) **Risk Control: Department Reports** – Supervisor Durrwachter to contact Fire and Ambulance Directors to get updates on progress.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) **Water Department Curb Locks – Motion by Treasurer Seibert to authorize purchase of 24 locks & special installation tool – seconded by Trustee Leavenworth – 5 ayes.** 2) **Marina Daily Ramp Fee** – Treasurer Seibert to write ordinance and submit to attorney and board for approval. 3) **Millage Vote Date Resolution for improvement, fire and harbor funds** – Received date approval back from Alger County Clerk date is May 22nd. 4) **Approval of New Employee Applications – Motion by Trustee Leavenworth to accept two employee applications for interview for summer employment – seconded by Treasurer Seibert – 5 ayes.** 5) **Land Use Permits: New Format** – Zoning Administrator Hill looked at proposed format – asked that Fax #, Price, and local street address be added. Format will be reviewed to make sure it covers everything it needs to. Recommendation and modification will be made later. 6a) **Tree Grant** – because of the amount of paperwork and monies required the board decided against the tree grant with matching funds. 6b) **Radio Frequency access for Troopers** – the board decided to check into this further.

Adjournment on **motion by Trustee Leavenworth at 10:02 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Seibert.**

Respectfully submitted: Lori Savage, Township Clerk