

Burt Township Board Meeting
May 8, 2001 7:00PM

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark

Absent: Lois Leavenworth

Thirteen visitors.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:01pm/Closed at 7:05pm.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to accept agenda - 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Savage read correspondence: David & Diane Kindervater asking for rights to abandoned railway land adjacent to their property, congratulatory note from DEQ Training Program Manager notifying Mike Beek of his above average scores upon completion of certification training; Jennifer M. Granholm, Attorney General, to Lee Durrwachter concerning transfer of a township from one county to another.

Minutes of previous meetings: Motion by Seibert, seconded by Savage to accept minutes of the April 10, 2001, Regular Board Meeting - 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Accepted by Supervisor Durrwachter subject to audit: General Fund \$51,693.19, Improvement \$83,106.70, Medical Center \$67.95, Ambulance \$15,546.03, Fire \$94,149.42, Woodland Park \$42,732.13, Marina \$7,416.06, Water Receiving \$120,455.98, Water Operation & Maintenance \$4111.55, Water Bond & Interest Fund \$14,993.32, Harbor Fund \$51,281.68, Tax Account \$11,676.13, Beach Access \$18,240.30, EDC/Revolving Loan Fund \$114,934.40. Comments by Seibert: General fund has increased to \$54,000.00; and Payroll has increased to \$23,000.00. Also, payment was received for Medical Center – new balance is \$863.53. Comments: The Marina has repaid the General Fund the \$10,000 from the grant and its fund balance. Although the RLF report shows all accounts are current, as of the end of April, the Dunes Hotel is delinquent one payment. The Water Dept. Operating Fund can revert to the standard policy of approval for expenses exceeding \$250.00. There are two outstanding checks in the Tax Account that were written to the school and have never been cashed. Woodland Park and the Marina have begun to generate income. Seibert will check into a new CD for the Harbor Fund.

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

General Fund \$37,712.91, Payroll \$8,511.97, Fuel System \$81.95, Improvement \$3,859.12, Medical Center \$681.06, Ambulance \$1,644.51, Fire Department \$12,492.75, Woodland Park \$11,390.11, Marina \$624.26, Water Receiving \$4000.00, Water Op. & Maint. \$3,328.31, Harbor Fund \$0.00, Revolving Loan Fund \$218.00.

Special Reports: Sheri Bates asked to put up 3 signs in Burt Township to direct people to the Grand Marais Historical Museum. Approved on **motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to allow the signs to be erected – 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

Mary Underwood, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, asked the board for \$4500 for fireworks, asked about insurance coverage of 9 volunteer pyrotechs, asked about a gate in the fence near the stage, and light poles for the baseball field. The board tabled the motion on the \$4500 for fireworks until the May 23rd budget meeting, but indicated that it is tentatively approved. Durrwachter said that he would check into insurance coverage of the 9 volunteers who are working with the fireworks. Board gave approval for gate in fence near stage, however asked for more information before it is put in place. Board asked for more information about the light poles before any decision will be made.

Ed Bowen, Neal Beaver, on behalf of Friends of the Airport, requested money to improve the airport. Approved on **motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to use \$4000 from the Township Improvement Land Improvement fund for the airport improvements. – 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

Monthly Reports: DPW Manager – Mike Beek not in attendance. **Park Manager** – Pam Hicks requested approval to spend money as a match for a grant to put more playground equipment into the park. **Motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to spend up to \$1098 on backhoe and labor costs associated with installation of the playground equipment. – 4 ayes. Motion carried.** **Zoning Administrator** - Geri Hill not in attendance. **Clerk** – Lori Savage asked that she be named the Program Director as the focal point to handle all accounts and reporting created when grants are awarded to the township. **Motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to make Savage the Program Director. – 4 ayes. Motion carried.** **Supervisor** – discussed incorrect information that is getting funneled to the website about the park. Pam Hicks said that she gave information to the webmaster, but claimed that she did not give the information the way that it was printed. The website announced that Burt Township is taking donations for playground equipment in the park. The board had no knowledge of this promotion. The website also announced that the Greenhouse will be rebuilt at the recreation center – that decision has not been finalized by the board. Seibert said that he will take donations for playground equipment – so contributions should be sent to his attention. We decided that the webmaster get information concerning the Township from Durrwachter in the future. Durrwachter also mentioned a letter that was written to Geri Hill, Zoning Administrator, by John Markes, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, in which Mr. Markes expresses his concern about the incompleteness of the Land Use Permit denials. Geri Hill was not present for discussion or comment.

Committee Reports: Cemetery: Clean-up has been scheduled for 5/19/01. Volunteers are needed. **Revolving Loan Fund:** One account is past due again. There is a meeting scheduled for next week. Looking for people to borrow money. **Harbor Committee:** Savage read a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality, Richard A. Powers, Chief, which stated that there are grant monies available to construct the walkway once the new breakwall is in place. Savage read a letter from Bernard Bouschor, Tribal Chairperson for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to the US Department of the Interior, which stressed their support for the Grand Marais Harbor of Refuge.

Policies/Resolutions:

Approval of Burt Township Ordinance No. 01-01: Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance **Motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark. Roll call vote was taken: Seibert – aye; Durrwachter – aye; Benmark – aye; Savage – aye; Leavenworth – absent. Motion carried.**

Approval was requested to dissolve the employee policy committee. **Motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to continue with the employee policy committee – with the following changes: Sandee Sibbald, chair the committee, with Lori Savage replacing Vicki Petruske. 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A) Approval of Millage Document – needs more work. B) Marina Dredging: Discussion about bids – still waiting for some to come in. C) **Motion by Seibert to spend up to \$6000 from water receiving fund for leak detection, seconded by Benmark. 4 ayes. Motion carried.** D) **Motion by Seibert to refund BT School Community Center Deposit from April 24, 2001, event, seconded by Savage. 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: A) **Motion by Seibert to use Monache Sanitation for the Clean Up Days, seconded by Benmark. 4 ayes. Motion carried.** B) **Motion by Seibert to grant the summer refuse removal contract to Monache Sanitation, seconded by Benmark. 4 ayes. Motion carried.**

C) Budget meeting scheduled for May 23rd at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

Adjournment on motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lori Savage, Township Clerk