

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board  
Grand Marais Community Center  
Grand Marais, Michigan  
September 14, 2004

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark  
Late: Lois Leavenworth  
Visitors: 17

Public Comment: Opened at 7:01 p.m.. Lee announced the 9/13 opinion poll results – 429 Yes – 191 No. Joe Venturato asked who paid for the meeting where the ballots were counted. Gerrie Bailey said that volunteers did the mailing. Liz Venturato said that she did not receive a ballot. Aleta Hubbard asked if there was a deadline for the purchase of the property. She asked if that is why there was a September 13<sup>th</sup> deadline on the ballots. Closed at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Benmark and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of C. under new business – Wave Deposit for End of the Year Fire/Ambulance Picnic.

Correspondence: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Motion by Benmark and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Township Board. 4 – ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Township Board. 3 – ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Accepted by Supervisor and subject to audit.

Payment of Bills: Motion by Benmark and seconded to pay the bills as funds become available. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

Refunds: Park/Community Center – Motion by Benmark and seconded to refund community/recreation center deposits to the following: Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce, Grand Marais Historical Society, Grand Marais Sno-Trails Association, Superior Dunes Association, Pam Bouma, Ray Gage, Steve Quillan, United Methodist Church. 4 – ayes. Motion carried. Because of a “No Refund” policy which is clearly posted at the park, and because the Park Manager had made every attempt to satisfy a park visitor (Doug Atkins) who complained of noise, the board decided to adhere to its NO REFUND policy and deny his request for full refund.

Unfinished Business

- A. Ballot Proposals for November 2004: Burt Township Ballot Proposals are printed on brown paper but are clearly marked as either RENEWAL or INCREASE. There are three Burt Township proposals and they are each on a separate sheet of paper. Sample election material will be put around town.

B. Land Splits: Glowczynski was approved.

C. Project Updates:

- a. Park Trees: Sheri Shafer announced that 9 new trees were donated to the park and she purchased 13 trees from Pleschers for a total of \$1024.19. All of the trees have been planted.
- b. Water Dept.
  1. Manager Report – Three new fire hydrants have been installed. Total of seven new hydrants are installed to date. New water sample station has been installed onto Water Tank on Ridge Rd. Three water main leaks were fixed saving almost 70,000 gallons of water per day. Two brand new service lines/accounts were installed on Coast Guard Point. Several service lines around town have been repaired or replaced. Another non-paying water customer was found and confirmed.
  2. Manager Compensation Request – Mike Beek asked for an additional \$.50 per hour when he completes his next certification course. TABLED. Mike Beek requested that he and Tim Burkhardt be paid an additional \$3.00 per hour any time that they are doing “skilled labor”. No discussion. Durrwachter to talk to Mike.
- c. Sidewalks: Work will start soon on more sidewalks. Several are being looked at for replacement.
- d. Community Clean-Up: Turnout was lighter than spring – but good turnout.
- e. Marina Upgrade – Grant has been submitted for new bathhouse.
- f. Community/Recreation Center Upgrades
  1. Chamber of Commerce Offer – Motion by Savage and seconded to put a new electrical sub panel behind the Recreation Building around the ball diamond in the right field area and another near home plate. 3 – ayes; 1 abstain. Motion carried.
  2. Other Chamber Request – Motion by Seibert and seconded to pay up to \$75.00 to install an antenna tower donated by Rose and Bob Benmark on the east back side of the Community Center contingent upon the Chamber paying the cost of dismantling. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

D. Other

New Business

A. Contracts

- a. Assessor – Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve the contract presented by Mark Maki to perform the duties of Assessor and Land Division Officer. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Special Software – Maki suggested that the Township purchase software called Equalizer to do the assessing portion of the Taxes. The software costs \$4800. The board asked Mark Maki to check with Manatron to see

if their version of the software is available, since the Tax payment software is Manatrons and that is compatible with Alger County.

B. Bids

- a. Snow Plowing – Motion by Seibert and seconded to advertise for bids for snow plowing. Deadline for bids will be October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Sandee to fax bid information to local contractors. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

C. Wave Deposit for Annual Fire/Ambulance Picnic

Motion by Seibert and seconded to wave the deposit for the annual fire/ambulance picnic to be held at the Pavilion in Woodland Park. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Benmark and seconded to adjourn. 4 – ayes. Time: 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Lori Savage, Township Clerk