

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Grand Marais Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
April 12, 2005 7:00PM

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Lois Leavenworth, Gordon Kniss
Twenty visitors.

Absent/Excused: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to approve the agenda. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Special Presentations:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING: Approval of CDBG Money for New Well – After a presentation by Mike Pond, STS Engineering, and lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Seibert and seconded to adopt a resolution on adopting a 2005 community development plan. Roll call vote was taken: Durrwachter – aye; Seibert – aye; Kniss – aye; Leavenworth – aye; Savage – aye. Resolution adopted on April 12, 2005. Motion by Seibert and seconded to allow Township Supervisor to handle the contract with the engineering firm in regard to the new well project. Roll call vote was taken: Seibert – aye; Leavenworth – aye; Durrwachter – aye; Kniss – aye; and Savage – aye. Motion carried.
- B. Hiawatha Water Trail – Presentation was made by Sam Crowley, President, and Nancy Ford-Cihak, asking for the Township's resolution of support of creation of a paddler water trail which will end in Grand Marais. Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to approve the resolution of support. Roll call vote was taken: Leavenworth – aye; Kniss – aye; Seibert – aye; Savage – aye; and Durrwachter – aye. Resolution adopted.
- C. Burt Township Sewer System – Presentation by Mike Pond, STS Engineering, concerning the development of a Township Sewer System. STS Engineering will put together a study with a relative estimated cost for around \$5000. This study is necessary before any more planning can be done regarding the development of a Township Sewer System.
- D. Zoning Ordinance Proposed Changes – Motion by Seibert and seconded to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article VII: Condition Use Permits, by adding Section 706: Cancellation of Permit – which states: "The Conditional Use permit will be issued to the owner in residence at the specified location. Transfer of residential ownership voids the conditional use permit. A Conditional Use permit may also be voided at any time upon the written request of the owner." – this change as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll Call vote was taken: Kniss – aye; Leavenworth – aye; Seibert – aye; Savage – aye; Durrwachter – aye. Motion carried. The Planning Commission also recommended that the Township Board accept their recommendation to place a moratorium on site condominium development. Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to place a moratorium on site condominium development in Burt Township. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mike Beek, ACRC, said that the H-58 job is way behind – may not start until end of summer. Beek also said that M-77 will be worked on in September. Several people spoke up in favor of the Township sewer system. Closed 9:17 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Woodland Park Upgrades –
TABLED for special meeting scheduled on April 15th at 9:00 am at the Community Center.
- B. Approval of the 2005/2006 Meeting Dates – Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the meeting dates for 2005/2006 as presented. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Audit 2005 – Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to skip the 2005 Audit. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.
UPDATE: After further discussion with the auditor, it was discovered that since the Township has an outstanding loan with Rural Development for the Water System, the Township is required by contract to have a professional audit every year. Normally, townships of this size are only required to have an audit every other year. Savage has scheduled the audit for the week of June 6th with Mike Grentz from Anderson, Tackman.
- D. Clean-Up Days – Clean-up days will be May 20 and 21. Times will be announced later. Goodwill will be on site from Thursday evening through Saturday evening.
- E. Date for State of the Township Meeting – The State of the Township Meeting will be held on June 14, 2005.
- F. Other – Seibert reported on wind power.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Budget – Old/New – copies distributed
- B. Water Collection Update – Savage reported that most of the past due accounts have been brought current, but there are a couple that are still problems and will need to be collected through tax lien.
- C. Other

Correspondence: Correspondence was read.

Appointments/Resignations/Applications: Motion by Seibert and seconded to appoint Sheri Shafer as a member of the RLF committee. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 22nd, meeting of the Township Board. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report: Accepted by Supervisor pending audit.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to pay the bills as presented. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Reports/Newsletter: Reports are available in writing on the back table.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn. **Time Recorded: 10:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____, 2005

Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

These minutes are unapproved until approved by the board and signed by the Township Supervisor.