

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
August 26, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Lois Leavenworth (Late), Gordon Kniss

Board Members Absent: None

Public Attendance: Four (4) Visitors.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:01 – Gordon Kniss said he heard the Alger County Building Inspector resigned. Lori Savage said she spoke with the people at MARESA and they were impressed with the Youth Center Staffing grant and are considering it. Otto Bufe mentioned that the white line on the edge of the road walkway on the point needs to be wider. Otto Bufe also mentioned that it's possible that wind mills could be put on the breakwater. Closed 7:06.

Current Business:

Land Division Ordinance / Policy

Burt Township Land Division Ordinance (No. 03-01) is being changed in the following way:

Section 5: Application for Land Division Approval

An applicant shall file all of the following with the Township assessor or other official designated by the governing body for review and approval of the proposed land division before making any division either by deed, land contract, lease for more than one year, or for building development:

- A. A completed application form on such form as may be approved by the Township Board
- B. Proof of fee ownership of the land proposed to be delivered
- C. A current certified survey of the parcel and the proposed splits
- D. Proof that all standards of the State Land Division Act and this Ordinance have been met
- E. If a transfer of division rights is proposed in the land transfer, detailed information about the terms and availability of the proposed division rights transfer
- F. Written permission for Township personnel to come onto the property for the purpose of determining approval or disapproval of the requested land split
- G. A fee as stated in the current year Burt Township Board Policy to cover the costs of review of the application and administration of this Ordinance and the State Land Division Act

Section 8 – Paragraph 2:

In addition any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine of \$500 plus costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to such additional sanctions and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan Law.

Roll Call Vote was taken: Kniss – aye; Leavenworth – no vote; Seibert – aye; Savage – aye; Durrwachter – aye.
Effective date of this change: August 26, 2006.

Policy Change was TABLED until the next Township Board meeting.

"Save the Harbor" Budget / Policy / Procedures

A motion was made at a previous meeting to hire Otto Bufe on contract to facilitate "Save the Harbor" efforts from Grand Marais. The motion stated that Mr. Bufe would be paid a \$6000 salary from the millage money collected for the Harbor restoration. No mention was made of expenses or how the salary would be paid. **A motion was made by Leavenworth and seconded to pay the "Save the Harbor" salary in eight equal monthly payments of \$750 starting 8/31/05 and ending 3/31/05. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**

A new category will be added in the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Burt Township Policy called SPECIAL CONTRACTS. Under the new category will be a line item called Project Leader – Save the Harbor Funding – it will state that this is a salaried contract position and that it will be paid in \$750 monthly payments – there are no hospital, life insurance or retirement benefits associated with this contract position.

The Harbor Fund Budget will be modified in the following way to compensate for Mr. Bufe's salary and expenses:

Motion by Seibert and seconded to amend the Harbor Fund Budget (220) to include Expense 224815 – "Save the Harbor" Contract – with sub-categories .001 – Salary = \$6000 and .002 – Expenses = \$1000. 5 – ayes. Motion carried. These expenses are to be paid from the money collected in 000401 – Property Taxes .2150 = \$6000; and 000407 Delinquent Taxes = \$1000. In regard to "Save the Harbor" Procedures: **A motion was made by Seibert and seconded that Mr. Bufe is to report to the Township Supervisor and provide the Board with brief monthly written reports which will be available for the public at the Regular Meetings of the Township Board. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

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.