

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Burt Township Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
August 9, 2005 7:00PM

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth
Twenty-eight citizens .

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

Public Comment:

Opened at 7:01 pm: Presentation by New ACRC Engineer, Robert Lindbeck – suggested putting together a 5 year program for Burt Township. Talked about Ellen Street and paving of Lake Avenue. Township will need to help with costs. Questions were asked about the speed limit signs on H-58. Mr. Lindbeck said he would check into it. Gene LePeak stated that a parking lot is needed at the end of Lake Ave. New Boardwalk is drawing a lot of people. Tom Petipren spoke about the placement of homes on Coast Guard Point. Mr. Petipren said he would like the Board to ask the Planning Commission to revisit the issue and suggested that the “traverse line” be used as the measuring point. Bob Alexander gave some history on Coast Guard Point – said that in 1972 the Zoning Ordinance referred to the “point” as the Lake Superior Shoreline District – at that time setback was 300’ from the lake. In 1995, Lake Superior Shoreline District was dropped and Bay District was created. Bay District required a 15 foot front and back setback. Gene LePeak stated that each year there is more shoreline. Because of requests, Board will turn this over to the Planning Commission for re-evaluation. Public Comment closed at 7:25 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Otto Bufe Offer – **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept offer to contract Otto Bufe for the remainder of the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year as outlined in his proposal to the board dated July 19, 2005. Mr. Bufe will report to the supervisor and be paid a salary of \$6000 from the tax funds collected in the Harbor Account for work during this fiscal year. 4 – ayes; 1 – nay. Motion carried.** Seibert stated that he thinks it is important that we put someone in this position now to go after our legislators; Leavenworth said that it is important to get going now because the committee will be meeting and giving approval in September; and Kniss said that he thinks that Otto will be a good man for the job. **Motion by Seibert and seconded to allocate \$6000 in the 2005/2006 Harbor Fund budget to pay Otto. A line item will be created to accommodate this salary (224702). 5 – ayes. Motion carried.** Otto Bufe submitted an action plan for consultant position for the pile dike restoration which stated: (1) Establish him as the project leader; (2) Establish a budget; (3) Establish goals and objectives; (4) Establish a plan of action for each of the goals; (5) Establish the timetable for reporting/evaluation; (6) Develop committees for action in each goal area (ie: PR, legislative, governmental, etc); (7) Report to the Board.
- B. Insurance
 1. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessels – **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to put insurance on Burt II & Burt III. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**
 2. Light House Keeper’s Museum – **TABLED** pending receipt of information from Sue Bennett.
- C. RLF Grant Approval
 1. Hoffman Property – still waiting for environmental study results.
 2. Promenade – Request by the Historical Society to receive a \$500 grant from the RLF Committee to help cover costs of the new Promenade through the Past was granted. Check delivered to Historical Society Treasurer, Sheri Bates.
- D. Bathroom Facility on East Side of Ball Diamond – **Motion by Seibert and seconded to build as recommended by Park Manager for a cost to the Township of no more than \$1500. Also to request in writing financial assistance from Chamber of Commerce. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**
- E. Cemetery Upgrades – **Motion by Seibert and seconded to spend up to \$860 for road repairs to be done by Wolf Creek and be paid from line item 277967. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**
- F. Budget Updates – Distributed
- G. Other – Request to put electricity in new park garage – **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to spend up to \$600 to put electricity in the new garage next to the park office. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Participation in Pre-Payment Plan – Bowman Gas 2005/2006 - Discussion
- B. Fall Cleanup Dates – September 2005 – **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to hold the Fall Clean-Up on September 16th and 17th from 10-2 pm on Friday and Saturday. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.**

- C. Call for Bids: Snow Removal 2005/2006 – Sandee to put ad in Gazette, contact the local contractors, and put signs up.
- D. Consolidate Accounts – A special meeting will be held **on August 23, 2005, at 7:00 pm at the Township Office.**

Correspondence: Correspondence was read.

- A. Letter from Jan Wilberg concerning set back on Coast Guard Point.
- B. Letter from Peter Dame concerning set back on Coast Guard Point.
- C. Letters from six parents, one employee and eight youths concerning their appreciation to the Board for having the Youth Center open this summer.

Appointments/Resignations/Applications: None

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2005, meeting of the Township Board and the minutes of the July 18, 2005, special 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.

Refunds: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to pay the Community Center refunds as presented. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Reports: Written reports were received from Managers and were available on the back table. Youth Center report was given to the Board members.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn. **Time Recorded: 9:07 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.