

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Grand Marais Community Center**  
**Grand Marais, Michigan**  
**December 13, 2005 7:00PM**

**Present:** Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth  
Ten citizens.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to approve the agenda with addition of Ordinances under Other in Unfinished Business. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Opened at 7:01 p.m. Closed at 7:02 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Budget – New Fiscal Year:** Discussion – updated budgets were presented.
- B. **Millage:** Clerk reminded Board that if any proposals are going to be put on the June 2006 ballot with the school election, discussion needs to begin soon.
- C. Other

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **Channel 29 Update:** Durrwachter has a \$4100 price quote on a ticker tape system for Channel 29. More information to follow.
- B. **Sewer System Survey Update:** Savage said that about 10% of the Water Customers have returned the Sewer System Survey. Of the 10%, over 80% of those responding are 1-2 member single family homes. Of those that responded only half said they would attend meetings of the Burt Township Board to discuss a municipal sewer system.
- C. **Speed Limit on H-58 Update:** Savage presented a petition to circulate around town for registered voters of the Township to sign. This petition will be presented to Alger County and the State of Michigan for consideration of a reduced speed limit on H-58 East.
- D. **Lake Avenue Paving Project Update:** ACRC will not take payments. Board to look at this during budget.
- E. **Picnic Table Purchase Request:** Tabled.
- F. **Youth Center Fund Raising Update:** Youth Center is collecting bottles for a bottle drive. Suggestion was made to get bags from store to put bottles in before returning. Youth Center kids are also looking at other ways to make money. Applications are being taken for youth center workers.
- G. **Beach Property Acquisition:** Township is looking to purchase property to create public access to the harbor at the break wall. Property in question is believed to belong to the Enright family. Durrwachter talking to DEQ about 50/50 grant for property acquisition.
- H. **Other – Ordinances** – Cemetery Ordinance needs to be updated; Zoning Ordinance fines need to be looked at. Durrwachter to ask the Planning Commission to start reviewing the Zoning Ordinance for changes. **Tables for Community Center** – Sandee Sibbald to write to organizations asking for donations.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was read. Letter from James Carter, Marquette, concerning placement of sewer system lagoons next to his camp. Durrwachter to contact James Carter.

**Appointments/Resignations/Applications:** Appointments of Planning Commission Members: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to approve Kay Powers, Stan Powers, and Robert Pine as members of the Planning Commission for a 2 year term each beginning January 1, 2006. 5 – ayes. Motion carried. Resignation of the Assessor Mark Maki – Tabled until Special Meeting Dec. 15, 2005.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings:** Tabled until Special Board Meeting – Dec 15, 2005.

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

**Payment of the Bills:** Tabled until Special Board Meeting – Dec 15, 2005.

**Refunds:** None.

**Reports:** DPW. Mike Beek says that Christmas decorations are up and Rec Center ice rink is starting to freeze. General Office: Sandee Sibbald says that Dog Licenses will be available soon. Board: Gordon Kniss says that he has heard one complaint about snowmobilers so far this year – new trail past Community Center is loud during events. Durrwachter announced that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians have given Burt Township a grant in the amount of \$2500 to put toward dredging of the boat launch area.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn. **Time Recorded: 8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

*Lori Savage*

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

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Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

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