

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to approve the agenda with the following additions: Add 4th of July, Disposal of Unserviceable Flags and Street Lighting to New Business – other; Add Boat Insurance and Museum Insurance to Unfinished Business – other. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Camp Host Larry Feist and his wife, Maryann, were introduced by the Park Manager. Jim Northup, Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore – gave an introductory presentation. Kay Powers talked about the Promenade. Gene LePeak said that he met with the ACRC Engineer and he is going to meet with him again. He feels that Lake St. needs to be improved to the end and a new parking lot needs to be added to handle all of the traffic at the new boardwalk. Sandee Sibbald invited everyone to the Fly-In at the Airport on July 16th. Pork and Turkey will be served. Otto Bufe announced that he would like to officially become involved in the plight to restore the pile dike. He would like to be paid \$6000 for his efforts during this fiscal year. Lee Durrwachter announced that the Saginaw Voyageurs will be coming to town on August 2nd to do a re-enactment of the fur trade history of this area. Bill Bailey said that golf carts and 4 wheelers are out of control in Grand Marais. Public Comment closed at 7:22 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Recommendation: Cemetery Upgrades – DPW Manager requested approval for the work that the Cemetery Committee wants done at Rosehill Cemetery – a new sign, a bulletin board and road upgrades.
 - 1. New Sign – Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to erect a new sign with the name of the cemetery at the east entrance of the cemetery. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.
 - 2. Bulletin Board – TABLED
 - 3. Road Upgrades – Cemetery committee would like to have 2 inches of gravel put on the roads. TABLED.
- B. Seasonal Employee Pay Increases – A special meeting will be held on Monday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office to discuss the Seasonal Employee Policy.
- C. Proposal: Web page Development – Proposal submitted by Kay Wampler to add to the web page services already available through the Chamber of Commerce. TABLED to have more time to review the proposal.
- D. Other
 - 1. 4th of July – Need more garbage containers, a clean up crew during and after the festivities and more fireworks.
 - 2. Ceremony to dispose of unserviceable flags – Would like this ceremony continued on Flay Day each year.
 - 3. Street Lights – One of the street lights in the park needs to be checked because it is blinking on and off – may need photocell. Also, the light at the corner of Campbell and Carlson needs to be moved from the southeast corner of the street to the alley behind the Lake Superior Brewery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Bid: DPW Truck – Motion by Seibert and seconded to change the previous motion to purchase and accept the bid from Public Service Garage as presented. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.
- B. RLF Grant Approval: Promenade – TABLED – Durrwachter will check with Lansing to see if this type of grant can be approved.
- C. Bathroom Facility on East Side of Ball Diamond – TABLED – Letter requesting assistance will be sent to Chamber.
- D. Assessors Request – Assessor Mark Maki requests 3 things:
 - 1. Switch to Equalizer System assessing program – will cost \$3100.
 - 2. Upgrade old tax cards to new cards – will cost \$800.
 - 3. Supply a dedicated computer to be used for this purpose.

Motion by Seibert and seconded to change from Manatron System to Equalizer System at a cost of \$4000 financing will be worked out later. 4 – ayes; 1 – nay. Motion carried.

Mark Maki announced that Burt Township has been selected to undergo a tax audit this year and it is imperative that the files are current or there will be fines.

E. Other:

1. Boat Insurance – Savage asked why the Coast Guard Boat does not need insurance. Some of the Coast Guard Auxiliary members thought that the Township should be providing insurance. Durrwachter said that the boat does not need insurance and is covered under the Township liability coverage or when on official coast guard business is covered by the coast guard.
2. Historical Museum Insurance – TABLED – Durrwachter to discuss with Sue Bennett.

Correspondence: Correspondence was read.

- A. Letter from Steve Block requesting that Burt Township Board take whatever steps are necessary to control the ATV, golf cart, motorized scooter and similar vehicular traffic along H-58 and on the streets of Grand Marais. Mr. Block also states the need for law enforcement in Grand Marais.
- B. Letter from Walter and June Zimmermann to protest the increased number of ATV's in Grand Marais. The Zimmermann's were also concerned about the golf carts driven by and with small children aboard that have no lights and are going around after dark.
- C. Letter from Eli and Jean Rochefort to complain about the 4-wheelers, golf carts, dirt bikes, etc. They feel that these vehicles are a hazard on the road and suggest a designated path along H-58.
- D. Tom Dolaskie, Alger County Road Commission, wrote a letter to inform the board that the 45 mph speed zone from Ellen Street to the Fish Market has been denied. Sgt. Jamie Patterson, Michigan State Police, and Mr. Dolaskie have been trying to convince Lt. Gary Magge, MSP Traffic Service that the 45 mph zone should be re-instated. Lt. Magge says his FINAL decision is to deny the request. Mr. Dolaskie said he would be erecting 6 curve-warning signs along that portion of H-58 and a school bus turnaround sign near Winnies.

Appointments/Resignations/Applications: One application received from Ryan Wilson. Managers are reviewing.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 14th meeting of the Township Board as presented. 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.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn. **Time Recorded: 9:51 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.