

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Grand Marais Community Center**  
**Grand Marais, Michigan**  
**May 10, 2005 7:00PM**

**Present:** Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Gordon Kniss  
Eighteen citizens.

**Absent/Excused:** Lois Leavenworth

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Seibert, and seconded, to approve the agenda with the following additions: New Business – Other – Contracts: Cusino and School Tax Collection; and, Unfinished Business – Other – add Planning Commission Letter. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- A. Introduction of Kids Ink: Members of the Kids Ink group introduced themselves as a non-profit independent group who are raising money for youth activities in Grand Marais.
- B. Use of the Bandstand – Dan & Gwen Bradish: The Bradishes have withdrawn their request.
- C. General Public Comment: Gee Petruske expressed an interest in a toxic waste cleanup as part of the fall cleanup; Sal Brooks said that her Chiropractor would love to come to Grand Marais and use our medical building; Lois Kinlaw expressed an interest in having someone at the cleanup days to get rid of freon. Mike Beek Sr. suggested McLean Sales in Newberry. Sandee Sibbald discussed the proposed Hiawatha 906 rate increase. Motion by Kniss and seconded to send a letter on behalf of the Burt Township Board to MPSE against this proposed rate increase. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

**Special Presentation:** Sewer System Proposal – Mike Pond, STS Consulting, LTD, presented a proposal to begin a feasibility study for a sewer system in Burt Township. Motion by Seibert and seconded to allocate an amount not to exceed \$4750 to be taken from a water CD for a sewer system feasibility study by STS Consulting. Roll call vote was taken: Seibert – aye; Savage – aye; Kniss – aye; Durrwachter – aye; Leavenworth – absent. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Contracts:
  1. Camp Cusino – Motion by Seibert and seconded to contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections Camp Cusino Division for the construction of the Agate Beach Boardwalk. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.
  2. School Tax Collection – Motion by Savage and seconded to contract with the Burt Township School and MAISD for the collection of summer taxes. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Budget Updates – copies distributed
- B. Audit – June 6<sup>th</sup> – Motion by Seibert and seconded to supersede the previous motion and approve to have Anderson, Tackman perform an official Township audit during the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Planning Commission Letter – The Planning Commission has decided that setbacks on the Lake Superior Shoreline need to continue to comply with all Federal, State and local Township Ordinances. No further action is needed at this time. The Burt Township Board accepts the Planning Commissions recommendation and no action will be taken.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was read.

- A. Gee Petruske requested permission to conduct an Alzheimer's Memory Walk within the confines of Burt Township on September 3, 2005. The walk will start at the Bayshore Pavilion go through Woodland Park and return down Randolph Street to the Bayshore Pavilion. Motion by Seibert and seconded to grant permission to conduct the Alzheimer's Memory Walk on September 3<sup>rd</sup> as requested. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Dr. Kevin Denner, D.C., requested that the Board provide space so that he may conduct business on Thursday's in Grand Marais. Board invites Dr. Denner to visit the Medical Center to see if it meets his needs. Sandee Sibbald to contact Dr. Denner and have him come look at the facility.

- C. Jim Seibert reported that he was contacted by Hytachi Motors asking if they could use the Burt Township airport as a test facility. Seibert sent them all of the information and has not heard back from them to date.
- D. Mark Maki is requesting that the Township purchase additional software for assessment purposes. The Board will invite him to the next meeting to discuss this request.
- E. Mining Journal requested permission to put a newspaper dispenser at Woodland Park. Motion by Seibert and seconded to deny this request on the grounds that this would prevent people from going downtown to purchase a newspaper from one of the businesses. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Letter from Wally Parrish concerning compliance with the ordinance concerning abandoned vehicles. The Zoning Administrators will look into this.
- G. Note from Mary Handrich concerning the speed of vehicles coming down M-77 into town and requesting that additional signs be posted to request a slow down as drivers enter Grand Marais.
- H. Email from Christie Deloria-Sheffield, Fish and Wildlife Biologist concerning her excitement over the news that piping plovers have been found in Grand Marais – one pair is nesting near Lonesome Point and the other appears to be nesting on the Lake Superior Beach. Christie would like to know where the Agate Beach Boardwalk is proposed to make sure it doesn't get in the way of the plovers. Lee to contact.

**Appointments/Resignations/Applications:** Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve Chris Purple as qualified for hire as a seasonal employee for Burt Township. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings:** Motion by Savage and seconded to accept the minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, and May 9<sup>th</sup>, meetings of the Township Board as presented. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

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

**Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Seibert and seconded to pay the bills as presented. 4 – ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seibert and seconded to authorize spending \$4000 for diesel fuel from the Fuel System fund. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

**Reports/Newsletter:** Woodland Park, DPW and Water Dept. Reports are available on the back table. Durrwachter complimented Mike and Tim on very well written reports. Cemetery Committee will meet and make recommendations. CERT Group needs more storage space. Ramp Fee enforcement at the marina continues to be a problem and the biggest offenders seem to be the locals. Until a harbor master can be employed full time, the board is going to look at using a surveillance camera with video tape to keep track of the offenders. The Zoning Administrators report that lots of Land Use Permits are being turned in and it is getting very busy. Evelyn Morrison, Ambulance Chief, mentioned that this is EMS Celebration Week... so make sure you let your Emergency Services people know they are appreciated. Evelyn also mentioned that Carol Hicks from NMU has a class that may be able to draw up a design for the new DPW / Emergency Services Barn, but whatever is done needs to be approved by an architect. Savage's father, Auldin Nelson (a licensed architect and WWII Veteran), will be in Grand Marais for Graduation and Memorial Day – she will ask if he can meet with the committee and help cut costs by donating his services. UPDATE: Savage's father has agreed to meet with the barn building committee when he is in Grand Marais on a consulting basis at no cost to the Township..

**Adjournment:** Motion by Kniss to adjourn. **Time Recorded: 10:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

*Lori Savage*

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

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

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Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

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