

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
November 22, 2005 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Attendance: Two (2) Citizens.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:01 No Comments. Closed 7:02.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. 5 – ayes. Motion Carried.

Current Business:

Planning Commission

Dagys Land Use Permit:

Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Township Attorney in regard to the Dagys land use permit. Permit #00-02 has expired because of an extended lapse of time between application and construction. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Land Use Permit Application Revision:

Motion by Savage and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to revise language on the Land Use Permit to read as follows: "A Land Use Permit expires and all rights granted under that permit are void twelve (12) months after the date it was approved by the Zoning Administrators. Extensions may be requested by the holder of the permit IF done so prior to it's expiration. Extensions will be requested in writing through the Zoning Dept./Township Board and will be granted on a year by year basis. Additional fees will apply". 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

The Wordage for the Land Use Permit Application will also be added to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 1005. The Township Board is turning this back over to the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and take the necessary steps to make this change to the Zoning Ordinance. **Motion** by Leavenworth and seconded to charge a \$25 fee for a one year extension to an existing valid land use permit. This will be added to the policy sheet and become effective on April 1, 2006. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Nomination of Mikel Classen to the Planning Commission:

Motion by Savage and seconded to accept the nomination of Mikel Classen to complete a one year term ending 12/2005 and fill a one year term from 1/2006 – 12/2006 on the Planning Commission. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Sewer System/Master Plan Survey

Sewer System surveys will be sent out with Township water bills on December 1, 2005. For people not on the water system that would like to have input into the Burt Township Sewer System – the form will be available on the Burt Township Website www.burttownship.com under the Water Dept. The Master Plan Survey will be developed and sent out next year.

Speed Limit on H-58 East

No action at this time. Will address at the November 29th meeting.

Township Facility Maintenance/Upgrades

Durrwachter said that the Board needs to start suggestions on ways to upgrade and maintain the Community Center. The toilets are in need of repair, new tables are needed, paint and general maintenance needs to be done. Durrwachter also mentioned that the DPW guys need to gather the benches and planters from around town and put them in storage before they are demolished by a snow plow this winter.

Bid Money Disposition

Township received a money order in the amount of \$3,650 for the purchase of the 22' Whaler Boat. Money has been deposited into the General Fund. Durrwachter said that the Coast Guard Auxiliary requested that the Township Board allow them up to \$200 to be used for their expenses. Durrwachter asked that a budget line item be created for this purpose. Savage to update budget.

General Discussion

Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the resignation of Rose Benmark from the Cemetery Committee with regrets. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Kniss read the letter received from Frank Farwell's attorney requesting information. The information requested is quite extensive. They are requesting all information pertaining to Charles Street, Johnson Street and Catherine Street, minutes, requests made of the township by Ed Marx and others, and any other information concerning property in that area. In the process of digging up some of this information, it was discovered that the two previous owners of Mr. Farwell's property were denied permits by the health dept. due to wetland restrictions. The Township has no record of an approved permit from LMAS for Mr. Farwell's Land Use Permit. Township to contact County building inspector and health dept.

Seibert announced that taxes will be done and in the mail by December 1st. This year \$1,624.00 in delinquent water bills have been added to the land owners property taxes. According to Seibert, when the taxes are paid the General Fund will receive approximately \$19,500 plus \$3,300 in administrative fees, Township Improvement will receive \$87,000, Fire will receive \$43,500, and Harbor will receive \$7,250.

Savage read Youth Center packet delivered by Christine Rosenberg during meeting. According to Christine's report, she is having trouble getting parent volunteers. The Township Board feels that there is a need to keep the Youth Center open, however, there is not enough money to pay the wages that are being turned in – at this point, tax money (\$5000) and sales and donations (\$1500) have been eaten up by wages - additional funds have been used to cover them. Thanks to Durrwachter, Alger Delta Electric, Hiawatha Telephone and Bowman Gas have all offered donations to the Youth Center to help cover the costs of utility services. Christine reported that she attempted to find grant money or get financial backing from KIDZ INK – neither were available. The Board may need to ask for a fee from families using the Center, look at a millage, or talk to the school board about after school activity funding.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____, 2005

Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

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