

# Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Community Center  
Grand Marais, Michigan  
November 29, 2005 7:00 p.m.

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

**Public Attendance:** Ten (10) Citizens.

**Public Comment:** Opened at 7:01. Norm Geiger spoke about building an area between the Community Center and the woods for snowmobile traffic and expressed concern about wording in a motion made at an earlier board meeting which stated that the Sno-trail Association would be responsible for damage in Woodland Park. Gee Petruske expressed concern about the snowmobile trail taking up a portion of the entrance to the dog lot during the UP200. He explained that the dog sleds need turn around room. Closed 7:17.

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

## **Current Business:**

### **Sportsmans Restaurant Dance/Entertainment Permit Approval Request**

**Motion** by Seibert and seconded that the request from Sportsmans' Main Stop Restaurant, LLC to transfer ownership of the 2005 Class C Licensed business with a Dance/Entertainment permit, located in escrow at 204 Lake, Grand Marais, MI 4939, Burt Township, Alger County, from Peoples State Bank of Munising be approved. 5 – ayes. Motion carried. It is therefore recommended by the Burt Township Board that the State of Michigan, Dept. of Labor and Economic Growth Liquor Control Commission issue this permit.

### **Water Well Project Update – Mike Pond, STS Consultants**

Mike Pond explained that both bidders on the Water Well Project were high, but said he can work with Gerou Excavating and modify or eliminate some of the bid items to get the project within the construction budget of \$260,000.00. Mike Pond said the Project should still meet it's deadline.

### **Sewer System Project Update – Mike Pond, STS Consultants**

Mike Pond explained the questions on the Sewer System Survey that will be sent to water customers with their water bills during the first week of December. The information that he obtains from the surveys will help him calculate what type of system is needed, it's complexity and how much the cost to the customers will be.

### **Lake Avenue Paving Proposal by ACRC**

Discussion about ACRC Proposal. Durrwachter to work on this more and then discuss again with board at later date.

### **Speed Limit on H-58 East Petition Status**

Seibert authored a petition to be signed by the community. It read: "We the undersigned concerned citizens in an attempt to make travel along that section of H58 East from Ellen Street to the old fish market safe for all users do petition the County of Alger and the State of Michigan to take whatever action is necessary to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph. This is a residential area and has many hidden driveways. It is also used by residents and visitors as a walking and bicycling route. The reduction of speed would cause an increase of time to travel that section of road by about one minute, a small price to pay for the improved safety." Board to review, make recommendations for change if any and discuss at a later meeting.

### **Budget Updates:**

#### **Coast Guard Auxiliary Allocation**

**Motion** by Seibert and seconded to increase the amount of expense allocated for the Coast Guard Auxiliary from \$200 to \$400. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Budget Account Consolidation**

Seibert announced that he transferred \$10,000 from the Green Space checking account into a CD and \$9,658.55 from that same account into a savings account in order to collect interest at a better rate. After withdrawing the money, he closed the Green Space checking account. He also closed the Marina Receiving account. This account was created for the purpose of collecting credit card sales. Credit card sales will now be direct deposited into the Marina account. This will save time and money. Seibert also said that he closed the Youth Fund checking account and all money was transferred into the General Fund. The amount of transfer was \$147.57. Savage created budget items in the General Fund like those that were in the Youth Fund to accommodate the Youth income and expense. Copies of the all of the current township budgets were distributed to the Board members.

#### **General Workshop Discussion**

Urgent need for funds to support the Youth Center was discussed. Board to ask parents for a membership fee to help pay the costs of keeping the Youth Center open. Board will also ask others in the community to help create an adopt a child fund to help families that can not afford to pay a membership fee. The board members were in total agreement that they do not want the "membership fee" to prevent any child from using the center. Tim Burkhardt asked if he could purchase 10 picnic tables for the park at a cost of \$4,844.00 from Play Environments, Inc. Board tabled the table discussion until December 13, 2005 meeting so that Tim could provide more information. Discussion about Presidents signature on the 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill which includes the \$1.543 million for the Grand Marais Harbor Restoration project. Durrwachter is working with Corps of Engineers and Legislators to develop a schedule for this project. According to the Corps, there are no plans to use any former schedules that were proposed. The new project schedule will be coordinated through the Township Office and announced by the Township Supervisor when available. There is also a concern about the beach property where the break wall will meet the shore. Durrwachter is checking into the location to see what needs to be done in order for the Township to acquire the property for public access and parking.

**Adjournment:** **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.**

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.**