

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Grand Marais Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
November 8, 2005 7:00PM

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to approve the agenda. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Presentation to CERT Program: Kevin Vanatta, of Newberry Motors, representing the Automobile Dealers Association presented a resuscitation practice dummy to the Community Emergency Response Training Program (CERT). Nancy and Bob Weston will be using the dummy for ongoing CERT training.

Public Comment:

Opened at 7:10 p.m. Larry Allyn asked about the 55 mph speed limit on H-58 East. Lee Durrwachter to try again to get the signs removed. Closed at 7:11 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Authorize Funds for Circuit Court to Clear Titles in the Dock/Harbor Street Areas:** Motion by Savage and seconded, to spend up to \$2500 to correct this matter. Roll call vote was taken: Kniss – aye; Seibert – aye; Leavenworth – aye; Durrwachter – aye; Savage - aye. Motion carried. Clerk suggested taking funds from the General Fund, Election Budget 191000, since no elections will occur before the end of the fiscal year. Durrwachter to follow up with Judge Carmony who was the Township Attorney when the original vacation resolutions were done in 1998. Rosie Meldrum, representing the sellers and buyers, said that this issue has been hard on all of the parties involved and she will be glad to see it resolved. Rosie to provide title company with minutes so that they will proceed for mortgage approval.
- B. **GreenSpace Request:** Barb Whaley had several questions about receiving donations during the in town garden tours. Durrwachter said that any Township sponsored event would be covered by Township insurance. He also said that donations can be collected for both the GreenSpace Project and Search and Rescue. Donations to Search and Rescue can be made on a yearly basis by the Board since they do rescue work within the Township.
- C. Other

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **IS700 Training:** IS700 training is an introduction to the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) and will be available at the Township Office on Friday, December 2, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. for anyone interested in taking it. All Township Officials, Emergency Services Personnel and others involved in grant making will need this training. This is a two hour class. Following training each person will need to go online to <http://www.nimsonline.com> and complete a test to receive certification on the national registry.
- B. **Channel 29 Update:** Durrwachter is working with Charter Communications to put a “ticker tape” across the bottom of the screen that can provide messages – ie: emergency water leaks, etc..... Also the Alger County Sheriff’s Dept. is working on a grant to upgrade the camera equipment to include a zoom and control feature. They are also looking at multiple locations for cameras.
- C. Other

Correspondence: Correspondence was read.

- A. **Letter from Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund** announcing gift of \$250 from Richard Janney of Grand Marais. The gift is specified for the Green Space Project.
- B. **Public Hearing Notice for the customers of Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association.** The first public hearing to use a power supply cost recovery factor of \$0.03422 per kilowatt hour (kWh) to compute member customer bills for a twelve month period will be held on December 6, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in Suite #7 of the Michigan Public Service Commission Bldg., at Lansing, Michigan.
- C. **Announcement from Bart Stupak’s Office:** Announcement stating that funding of \$1.534 million dollars is being allocated for the Grand Marais, Michigan, Reconstruction of the Breakwall Project was read. Thank you to everyone that worked on this project. We don’t know what letter, email, DVD or phone conversation made the difference, but something did and we are on our way to saving our deep water harbor of refuge.

Appointments/Resignations/Applications: Two resignations were received. Resignation letter received from Otto Bufe, Safe Harbor Project Leader: Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the resignation of Otto Bufe with the acknowledgement of success in receiving funding for the Grand Marais Breakwall Reconstruction Project. 5 – ayes. Motion carried. Resignation letter received from Lori Savage, Township Clerk: Motion by Seibert to accept the resignation of Lori Savage with regrets. No second was made. Motion declined. Durrwachter to check with Michigan Township Association to determine what to do when the Board will not accept a resignation of a member of the Board.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 11th meeting with the addition of the amount \$3000 under item New Business (C) and to accept the minutes of the October 18th, October 21st, October 27th, and November 1st, meetings 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. Seibert asked about the phone charges, Durrwachter told him that there are credits being applied and will discuss at next meeting.

Budget Updates: TABLED until Tuesday, November 15th meeting.

Refunds: None.

Reports: Youth Center report given by Christine Rosenberg. Christine announced that she will be presenting a complete report of the Youth Center activity at the November 15th meeting. Christine said that the report would contain information about the center usage, number of kids, activities provided, sustaining funding, and more. Christine reported on the Fix it Up company that was started by the youths. The “company” now has an adult board as well as a youth board – and has been successful in obtaining a federal non-profit ID number, opening an account, and providing services to six customers. Christine explained that this “company” was formed to qualify for grant funding of up to \$24,000.00. In order to qualify the youths must demonstrate the ability to create and sustain a company for a period of not less than 90 days prior to applying. Rachel Winnie and Barbara Venturato, two community youths who want the Youth Center to remain open, read a letter from the Youth Center kids. Christine also announced that she is getting signatures on a list of volunteer adults who are willing to help keep the center open. Evelyn Morrison, Ambulance Chief, gave a report for the Ambulance Corps. Evelyn said that many changes are coming in 2007 – run sheets will be computerized and a new computer system will be put in place. NEMS IS700 training will be required for all Fire, EMS and Township Employees. UP EMP and SW EMS offices are scheduled to be closed in 2/2006 which would mean that services provided for UP emergency management volunteers would be provided in Lansing... That includes training and testing. There is a movement to save these offices. The Ambulance Corps received two HRSA grants: a \$1200 grant for software and a \$450 grant for training equipment. Evelyn also mentioned that the Ambulance Corps have put a new cabinet in the EMS Garage to put medical equipment in – they were having problems with rodents. Storage bins and shelving have also been added. The snowmobiles are revving up and getting ready for winter rescues – storage of the rescue sled is still a problem. Otto Bufe suggested that the Board may want to send a letter to the legislators thanking them for their assistance with the funding for the reconstruction of the breakwall. Gee Petruske asked if Grand Marais could continue to hold the Ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable Flags on the 4th of July. Board to consider the request. Gee also said that he is putting together a book containing pictures of the event. Gordon Kniss reported on Land Use Permit activity. Gordon said that about 70% of the total number of Land Use Permits this year were new construction. Lee Durrwachter announced that he has been talking to suppliers and asking for donations for the Youth Center. Bowman Gas is giving a donation of 250 gallons of propane; Alger Delta Electrical Cooperative and Hiawatha Telephone have both offered donations but have not disclosed the amounts at this time. Durrwachter is also talking to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians about donations for the Youth Center and the EMS building.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn. **Time Recorded: 8:50 p.m.**

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.