

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Burt Township Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
October 11, 2005 7:00PM

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Seibert, and seconded, to approve the agenda with the following change – add Policy Change under New Business – Other; add Snow Plow Bids under Unfinished Business - Other. 5 – ayes; 0 - nay. Motion carried.

Introductions/Comments:

Opened at 7:06 pm. Savage announced that the Township has a website www.burttownship.com . John Bauknecht asked questions about the website – how much it cost to register the site and get the domain, also whether or not individual businesses are advertising on the site. Savage answered that the Cost to register the Burt Township website and purchase the domain name was \$19.95 and will cost \$19.95 per month. The Burt Township website does not advertise for local businesses, however the section called resources does link to the Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce and local real estate companies to help potential visitors or home buyers contact the right people. Pat Grasser said that she is very happy that the Youth Center is open. She has spent some time in the center and encourages others to do that. It is well supervised, the children are happy and they are participating in planned activities as well as having fun. John Bauknecht added that we should be proud of the Youth Center. He said that the kids need a place to go. John Bauknecht mentioned that he thought KIDZ INK should help raise money for the Youth Center. Sandee Sibbald asked if the \$5000 of recreation money from the Township Improvement millage could be transferred to the Youth Center to help pay for the supervisors. Marc Oglevie said that he thinks that the Youth Center should be staffed with volunteers and does not think that money should be put into it. Closed at 7:32 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Select Date for Engineering Presentation on Sewer**
STS Consultants, Mike Pond, will be addressing the community and board with the new sewer proposal for Burt Township on October 25, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Signs will be posted.
- B. Select Date for Employee Evaluations and Proposals**
A Special Meeting of the Township Board will be posted for October 18, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Office to discuss employee evaluations and proposals; a second half of that meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the tax and assessing situation with the Township Assessor, Mark Maki.
- C. New Rate for Expanded Local Calling – Motion by Seibert and seconded to make a resolution that states that Burt Township disagrees with Hiawatha Telephone’s recent change of rates and forced increase because this is not an optional charge. Roll call vote was taken: Leavenworth – aye; Seibert – aye; Kniss – aye; Durrwachter – aye; Savage – aye. Motion carried. Resolution Adopted.**
- D. Office Utilization Proposal** – Durrwachter is asking the DPW employees to make some modifications to the township office to make better use of the space available. Also, computers harmed during electrical surge recently will be replaced by insurance company. Savage to order new equipment.
- E. 30th Anniversary Observance** – Savage spoke about the proposed Memorial Service scheduled for November 10, 2005, at 7:10 p.m. at the Fisherman’s Memorial to honor the 29 men lost in the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald 30 years ago and all others that have lost their lives to Lake Superior.
- F. IS700 Training** – According to Marc Oglevie, FEMA IS700 Certification is a requirement of everyone on the Township Board or working for Emergency Services. IS700 training is National Incident Management Training. This certification can be completed two ways: (1) completion of a 3 hour class with Bob & Nancy Weston; or (2) completion of an online course through FEMA’s Emergency Management Institute.
- G. Other – Policy Change – Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to change the fee for Land Divisions to be \$150 for a land division and \$50 for each additional division. Policy to take effect immediately. Leavenworth – aye; Seibert – aye; Kniss – aye; Savage – aye; Durrwachter – aye. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Proposal – Assessment Database** – TABLED for Special Meeting on October 18th..
- B. Quit Claim Deed – Worden Children** – Resolved – no further Board action required.
- C. Other – Bid: Snow Plowing – Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the bid by John Monache. 1 – ayes; 4 – nays. Motion denied. Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the bid provided by**

Northern Snowplow for \$3,250. 5 – ayes; 0 – nays. Motion carried. Snow Plowing Contract awarded to Northern Snowplow.

Correspondence: Correspondence was read. Correspondence requiring action: Letter from Treva (Sibbald) Gorski asking for permission to have a park bench and plaque made and placed on the green space property in memory of Andrew Stottlemyre. **Motion by Seibert and seconded to authorize the memorial bench donation. 5 – ayes; 0 – nays. Motion carried.** Request to put Burt III out for bids. **Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to sell Burt III (22 ft. boat) bids must be received by 10/31/05. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.** Request for approval of a Liquor License for the Sportsman Restaurant. **Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve the request for a liquor license for the Sportsman Restaurant. Roll call vote was taken: Leavenworth – aye, Seibert – aye, Durrwachter – aye, Savage – aye, Kniss - aye. Motion carried.**

Appointments/Resignations/Applications: Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the resignation of Jack Roberts from the Planning Commission with regrets. 5 – ayes; 0 – nays. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2005.. 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. 4 – ayes; 1 - nay. Motion carried.

Refunds: None

Reports: Written reports were received from Managers and were available on the back table.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn. **Time Recorded: 9:21 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.