

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Burt Township Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
April 11, 2006 - 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Lee Durrwachter, Kay Wampler, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth
Citizen Attendance: Eight

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

Public Comment:

Delphine Wilson (Chamber Treasurer) extended an invitation to the board to attend a presentation about a fishing tournament on April 13th at 8:00 pm. Delphine is attempting to collect donations totaling \$625 per year to put GM on the UPTRA map and be included in the magazine. Ed Bowen reported on the two festivals he is coordinating for the Chamber – the Triathlon over Labor Day Weekend and the Splash-In in two months – third weekend in June. He would appreciate the ability to conduct the fish boil dinner and pilot campfire at the Green Space again this year and would need 10 picnic tables.

Correspondence:

Clerk reported receiving numerous notices from the state tax collection dept., read a letter from Vern Kirkins regarding shutting off the light on Bell St., and a letter from the Audit and Finance Div. Regarding F-65 Notice of Delinquency for Fiscal Year Ended June 05. (Clerk and Supervisor noted that the fiscal year had changed and that the auditors were completing the forms-65 for both years in conjunction with their annual audit this year.) Supervisor read correspondence from LMAS offering a workshop/presentation to clarify the smoke free worksite regulations enacted in Alger County.

Reports:

Lea Ward-Harbaum presented her Youth Center Report indicating things were going well and that the SADD group is opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays for tutoring. She also report that with all the activity she will not be opening the Youth Center on Fridays until summer. **Mike Beek** – DPW/Water Monthly Report for March/April – Township Office Project is coming along with new lights, baseboard trim, dry-walling and additional shelves for storage. Rose Hill Cemetery opens April 17th, Burt Township consumer Confidence Report – Water Report will be in the next Gazette, boat launch was dredged out twice in the last week. Kleiman Well Drilling working on the new well and will be done in a few weeks then start the main, electrical and controls. Sheri Shafer reported that she has begun work on getting the campgrounds ready to open next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution for Coastal Management Grant Application and Presentation by STS:** Motion by Seibert, seconded by Leavenworth to adopt the resolution as presented to apply for the Coastal Management Grant – Roll call vote – 5 ayes.
- B. **Mark Maki – Assessor Proposal:** Tabled
- C. **Resolution** – Harbor Master Septic System – Grant from DNR Waterways Commission: Motion by Seibert, seconded by Wampler, to adopt a resolution as presented in order to proceed with the grant application – 5 ayes.
- D. **Request from Pickle Barrel:** Motion by Leavenworth, seconded by Wampler to authorize use of the Green Space by the Historical Society for whatever they want to use it – 5 ayes.
- E. **Request by Gee Petruske** – Electronic pick-up/disposal on April 22, 2006: Motion by Leavenworth, second by Seibert to allow Gee Petruske to collect electronic waste and dispose of same on April 22, 2006 – 5 ayes (Note: This means that if you have an old computer equipment that you wish to dispose of, you can take it to Gee's house/big gray truck and he will dispose of it for you.)
- F. **Bob Gardner Request on Behalf of Alger Delta Electric for use Comm Ctr / Kitchen:** Motion by Seibert second by Leavenworth to allow Alger Delta to use the Kitchen and Community Center for their meeting on May 3 2006 at 6:00 p.m. free of charge – 5 ayes.
- G. **Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids through Boat US Foundation – Howard Baker:** Motion by Leavenworth, seconded by Seibert to allow Howard Baker to participate in the Life Jacket Loaner Program at the Township Marina. – 5 ayes.
- H. **Action on Suggestions and Recommendations from the Annual Meeting of the Electors** – Tabled.
- I. **Outsourcing Ambulance Billing and Collections:** The ambulance corps provided the Board with a resounding “Do Not Want” through Lou Bailey on behalf of Evie Morrison, EMS Director in her absence.

- J. **Updating Board Policies and Procedures:** Wampler reported that the changes/corrections as reported at the Special Meeting on the 7th of April have been made.
- K. Other
- i) Election Inspectors – Clerk presented a list of 14 candidates that had attended the new election inspector class in Munising on the 5th for approval by the board – Motion by Wampler, seconded by Leavenworth to approve the list of inspectors as presented. – 5 ayes.
 - ii) Pole Saw – Motion by Leavenworth, seconded by Wampelr to allow Sheri Shafer to purchase a polesaw to be used by the park and DPW for \$599.95 - 5 ayes.
 - iii) VFW – Memorial Day – donation of fuel – Tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Decision on Upcoming EMS/Fire Department Building Millage:** Kniss indicated that we need to get everything in order, prepare another open-house/presentation to the public to enlist their support, but we need numbers/costs. He is proceeding with his efforts and will have an article in the next issue of the Gazette.
- B. **Other:**
- i) Lois Leavenworth – previous motion regarding website: Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Gordon Kniss to rescind motion from the 7th regarding web access to allow more time to think about it. – Roll call vote: Lois Leavenworth – yes, James Seibert – no, Gordon Kniss – yes – more info needed, Lee Durrwachter – yes.
 - ii) ATM Card motion – Seibert to proceed with the bank to facilitate obtaining a “debit card” for web payments.

Appointments/Resignations/Applications:

Woodland Park Employees: Motion by Wampler, second by Kniss to allow Sheri Shafer to hire Conni Durrwachter, Sheri Seibert, and James Swain to start working in the park – 5 ayes.

Underaged Drinking Task Force: Motion by Leavenworth, second by Wampler to appoint Seibert as Township Liaison to the SADD group. 5 ayes.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Motion by Seibert, second by Leavenworth to approve the minutes of March 14, 16, 21, 28, and April 7th. – 4 ayes, 1 abstain (Wampler did not vote on March minutes).

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report: Durrwachter accepted the Treasurers Report pending audit.

Payment of the Bills: Motion by Seibert, second by Leavenworth to approve the payment of bills as revised. 5 – ayes.

Budget Updates: None at this time, pending audit and review by clerk.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted April 14, 2006,
Kay L. Wampler, Township Clerk

**These are the unapproved minutes of the April 11, 2006 Regular Meeting.
Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.**