

Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
March 28, 2006 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING

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

Board Members Absent/Excused: Gordon Kniss

Public Attendance: Three (3) Citizens

Explanation of the Budget: Durrwachter explained how to read the budget presented for approval.

Public Comment: Opened at 6:21 pm. No Comments. Closed 6:22 pm

Approval of the Budget 2006/2007: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded by Seibert to accept the 2006/2007 Budget as presented. 4 – ayes. Motion Carried. Budget approved.

Adoption of the Burt Township Policy:

Motion by Seibert and seconded by Leavenworth to accept the Burt Township Policy (effective April 1, 2006) as presented with the following changes: under Part Time Employees – DPW PTP/Water Operator #2 list a wage range of \$8.00 - \$11.50; under Librarian list a wage of \$7.50 per hour; under Seasonal Employees – Park Manager list a range of \$9.00 - \$12.00 per hour. 4 – ayes. Motion carried. Policy Adopted.

Adoption of the 2006/2007 General Appropriations Act:

Motion by Seibert and seconded by Leavenworth to accept 2006/2007 General Appropriations Act as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Leavenworth – aye; Seibert – aye; Durrwachter – aye; Savage – aye. Kniss – absent. Motion carried. Act Adopted.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Board Members Absent/Excused: None

Public Attendance: Nine (9) Citizens

Public Comment: Opened at 7:06 pm. Sheri Shafer asked if the Board could approve the funds needed to prepare the Community Center basement for the arrival of the fitness equipment. Closed 7:18 pm

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded by Seibert to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions: under OTHER – (1) Ambulance Resolution; (2) Fitness Center; (3) Meeting Schedule; (4) Payment of the Bills; (5) Resignation. 5 – ayes. Motion Carried.

Current Business:

Interview for the Position of Township Clerk – Louise C. Daul interviewed for the position of Township Clerk. Leavenworth asked why Louise was applying and Louise answered that she grew up in this community – as a foster child of Argie Thorington's – and wish to come back. She said that she looked at both the pros and cons of being in the Clerk position and asked herself what asset she could be – she only saw benefits. Although this is not specifically what she went to school for – her second masters degree is in Administration. She also has extensive budget and accounting background from her work as a principal in Wisconsin and has been trained and used many computer systems. Seibert asked Louise if she had any government experience. Louise said that she has worked with the government through the school and other groups that report to governmental agencies. Seibert asked her if she could handle criticism. Louise said that there are all types of criticism – some you can grow from. Savage asked when Louise would be done with the grant that she is working under at the school. Louise said that the school has received notification that the funding will go on for three years. Louise is under contract with the school to provide services to students and families as a councilor and works approximately 20 hours per week.

Durrwachter said that whomever gets the appointment for the clerk position would need to run for office in August and November. At that time, if the voters do not like the choice that the Board made with the appointment – they can change it.

Motion by Seibert and seconded by Kniss to appoint Kay Wampler to the office of Burt Township Clerk. Roll call vote was taken: Seibert – aye; Durrwachter – nay; Leavenworth – aye; Kniss – aye. Motion carried.

Kay Wampler will be sworn into office on April 3rd at 9:00 a.m. at the Township Office.

OTHER:

Ambulance Resolution

Motion by Leavenworth and seconded by Seibert to accept the resolution to create an Ambulance Contingency Trust Fund and deposit \$7000 into it each year. Roll call vote was taken. Durrwachter – aye; Savage – aye; Seibert – aye; Leavenworth – aye; Kniss – aye. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Fitness Center

Motion by Leavenworth and seconded by Seibert to allow the creation of a physical fitness center in the basement of the community center to be known as the Bailey Fitness and Wellness Center and to appropriate up to \$1000 from the General Fund to prepare the room. Evelyn Morrison will be the contact person for the fitness center. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

2006/2007 Annual Meeting Schedule

Motion by Seibert and seconded by Leavenworth to accept the 2006/2007 Annual Meeting Schedule as presented. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills

Motion by Leavenworth and seconded by Seibert to pay the bills as presented. 5 – ayes. Motion carried.

Resignation

Tim Burkhardt has notified the Board that he will be resigning from his position as Park Manager, DPW Laborer and Water Operator effective May 31, 2006. Board to post positions in paper and around town.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____, 2006

Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

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