

# Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Burt Township Community Center

Grand Marais, Michigan

May 9, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Lee Durrwachter, Kay Wampler, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth

**Citizen Attendance:** 37

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by Lois Leavenworth and second by James Seibert to approve the agenda as amended. 5 ayes - Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Kathy Poulan reported on EMs/Fire funding from County transfer to Burt Township. Nancy Weston – CERT presented Gee Petruske with a Governors Service Award Certificate of Recognition. Delphine Wilson asked about broken culvert and road repairs on East Wilson St. Sheri Bates asked about having the Spring Clean up earlier in the year. Karen Brzys read a letter to the Board regarding the payroll taxes and requesting a citizen group investigation and answers to several questions. **Motion was made by Kay Wampler, Second by Gordon Kniss to approve Karen's request to set up an Adhoc Committee to investigate the problems and to ensure they aren't repeated and report to the board and community by June 6<sup>th</sup>.** – 5 ayes. Supervisor Lee Durrwachter, entertained nominations to the committee and appointed Kay Wampler, Gee Petruske and Karen Brzys to serve. (Later Gee Petruske stepped down due to conflicts that may be perceived. Lee Durrwachter stated that Karen Brzys and Kay Wampler are to set the 3<sup>rd</sup> person after they have had time to contact others not at the meeting.) Pam Hicks asked about the Auditor paying the fines – Lee Durrwachter noted that the Bonds for the Board will go toward the interest. **Closed at 8:03 p.m.**

**Correspondence:** Clerk read several letters: Lori Savage requesting the Clerk forward minutes, notices, etc.. for the web. Delphine Wilson on behalf of the Chamber requesting a donation to support the Fishing Tournament. Steven Geary donation of \$100 to the Save the Harbor and requesting a copy of the DVD. Kidz Ink request for use of the Green pace/Bandstand for the Weekend of August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> for games and food for the fishing tournament – **Motion by Seibert, second by Lois Leavenworth to approve – 5 ayes.** MTA Alert on New Michigan Zoning Enabling Act on Townships – Lee Durrwachter commented on key points. Letter from ACRC to the State Police on the Speed Limit on H-58 East. Notice of Warranty Deed from Lawyer on the Green Space and the title Insurance Policy on same was received.

**Reports:** Lea Ward-Harbaum – Youth Center Coordinator, Mike Beek – DPW and Water Dept Mgr, Sheri Shafer – Park Manager, and Edna J Johnson – Librarian all presented their reports to the board – on file in the Clerks office.

## **New Business:**

- a) **Request by Ed Bowen – Use of Greenspace:** Letter from Steve Bell, President GMCC was read requesting permission from the Township to continue use of township/public property in a manner consistent with past years – So Moved by James Seibert, Second by Lois Leavenworth – 5 ayes
- b) **LMAS Request for use of Medical Center:** Letter from Deise Danaher, LMAS requesting use of the Medical Center for a screening clinic for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program in June or July. Moved to approve by Lois Leavenworth, Second by Kay Wampler – 5 ayes.
- c) **Review – Annual Meeting of the Electors recommendations:**
  - i) **Date of Township clean-up:** Clerk read letters from the community (Gee Petruske, Normajean Bennett, Steve Bell, and Margaret Roberts) requesting that the Clean Up day be moved forward to precede the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Motion by Kay Wampler, second by Gordon Kniss to move the Clean up date to June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – 5 ayes.
  - ii) **Monache's Offer:** free removal of metal at Clean Up: - Cost to us is \$200, Mike to check into using a scrap dealer who pay for picking up scrap metal.
- d) **Fire Hydrant – Request to Purchase 3 new for 2006:** Motion by James Seibert, second by Lois Leavenworth to approve the purchase of 3 new fire hydrants (to replace existing ones) at a cost of \$5000 – 5 ayes.
- e) **Dust Control –** Motion by Kay Wampler, Second by Lois Leavenworth to approve the County proposal of \$7030 for dust control – 5 ayes.
- f) **Discussion Election Results on Funding/construction of NEW EMs/Fire Bldg:**
- g) **Proposals from the Supervisor:**
  - i) Single General Checking Account for all Township Business, with temporary exceptions – No Action
  - ii) Federal and State IRS Payroll Withdraw/Reporting Procedural Changes and/or compliance – No Action  
(1) Special Board Meetings; 2) Electronic Filing; 3) Electronic Bank “withdraw” Ordinance
  - iii) Hiring a New Auditor: - No Action – Kay Wampler reported that we are already late on certain filings and it's not a good time to make such a change. Audit is scheduled for the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv) Replacement of Accounting Program with Government Accounting Program, Utilizing GASB 34 – No Action
  - v) Ambulance bills to be written off – Motion by Kay Wampler, Second by James Seibert to write off \$1072.39 and have it applied as deemed appropriate by the auditor & to have Sandee Sibbald and Evie Morrison review the collectibles on a periodic basis with Kay Wampler. – 5 ayes.
- h) Other:
  - i) Cert Request: Tabled until the Special Meeting on May 12th
  - ii) Bocco Construction – Motion by Kay Wampler, Second by Lois Leavenworth to allow Lee Durrwachter to make money by selling beach sand to Bocco – 5 ayes

## **Unfinished Business:**

a) **Review of Tabled Proposals:**

- i) **Mark Maki's Proposal to comply with Treasury;s 14-point review** – No Action
- ii) **Evie's Request for Fitness Center:** Motion by Kay Wampler, second to Lois Leavenworth to “front” \$1800 for the Fitness Center to purchase Rubber Mats – 5 ayes.

b) **Other:**

**Appointments/Resignations/Applications:**

**DPW Employees:** Motion by James Seibert, second by Lois Leavenworth to approve Mike Beeks' recommendation to hire Kirk Scott Grace – 5 ayes

**Woodland Park Employees:** Motion by James Seibert, Second by Kay Wampler to put a deadline on James Swain getting his license to June 30, 2006 – 5 ayes. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Gordon Kniss to approve Pay raises as submitted . – 5 ayes.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings(s):** Motion by Lois Leavenworth, Second by Gordon Kniss to approve the minutes of April 11 as corrected – 5 ayes. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 4 tabled until the Special Meeting on May 9 – Lee Durrwachter read several changes in wording, Kay Wampler asked to be able to see them in writing and think about their impact to the meaning of the meeting.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:** Durrwachter accepted the Treasurers report pending audit.

**Payment of bills:** Motion by JamesSeibert, second by LoisLeavenworth to approve the payment of bills as amended – 5 ayes.

**Budget Updates:** Kay Wampler noted that we will have to make changes after we discover the full impact of the IRS situation.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lois Leavenworth and seconded by Kay Wampler to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. (NO Vote)

Respectfully submitted: May 15, 2006,

Kay L. Wampler, Township Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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Lee Durrwachter, Township Supervisor

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