

Special Meeting of the Electors

APPROVED

Minutes of Burt Township
November 13, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Supervisor, Jack Hubbard called the Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. **Electors:** 22 signed in, several more arrived late or did not sign in

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Lois Leavenworth, supported by Norm Geiger to approve the agenda – 20 ayes, motion carried

Minutes of the Last Annual: Motion by Sandee Sibbald with corrections, supported by Sally Brooks to approve the minutes of March 31, 2007 – 20 ayes, motion carried.

Discussion and vote on borrowing money to complete the electrical project at Woodland Park:

Supervisor Hubbard explained that the electric project at the Park will cost around \$300,000 and failure to complete the project could mean we would not be able to reopen the Park in the spring. He presented a financial statement of where the park is after this past season with a balance of around \$100,000. If the electors were to approve borrowing up to \$200,000 as a line of credit, we could afford to pay \$50,000 loan payments and still leave enough money for other projects and start-up in the spring every year. Aaron Hunt noted that a loan could be amortized over a number of years to reduce the annual payment, Sheri Shafer and Aaron Hunt mentioned the need for more sites serviced with water and asked if we could add the water lines at the same time. Supervisor Hubbard noted that DEQ was going to require upgrades to the water service with loops and anti-siphon, and bigger mains and that we estimate that to be in the ballpark of \$200,000 to complete the whole park. Wandy Lowe was concerned about the timing of the project if we added upgrading the water system. Norm Geiger asked if the electrical project included the repairs at the Marina. Supervisor Hubbard noted that the cost of those repairs would be partially covered by funds remaining on the grant from when the dock upgrades were done and that the total cost was probably only about \$2000. **Motion** by Aleta Hubbard, supported by Pat Munger to authorize borrowing up to \$400,000 payable over 10 years to complete the electric projects at the park, add water (service) to 41 sites, and complete the marina electric repairs – 21 ayes, motion carried.

Discussion and vote on the constraints imposed by Resolution #2006-31: There was discussion to consider whether the people still want to be involved every time the board needs to borrow any money. Supervisor Hubbard mentioned that when we have to replace a piece of equipment or buy a new truck, we have to go to the electors but also that we appreciate their participation in making those kinds of decisions. One option considered was a cap on the amount of borrowing the board could do without getting the electors approval.

Motion by Sandee Sibbald, supported by Aleta Hubbard to leave Resolution #2006-31 as it stands – 23 ayes, 1 opposed (Ernie Brooks) – motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Sheri Shafer, supported by Aleta Hubbard to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: November 14, 2007,

Kay L. Wampler, Township Clerk

Approved: March 20th, 2008 on Motion by Evelyn Morrison, supported by Barb Whaley ~ 16 ayes, 0 nay's