

**Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
and Budget Hearing
March 3, 2007 – 12:00 p.m.**

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Attendance: Kay Wampler, Marc Oglevie, Lois Leavenworth, and Scott Wieting – Supervisor Hubbard in Hospital. **Public:** 7

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Kay Wampler to approve the agenda – 4 ayes.

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1) Appointment of Moderator: Motion by Marc Oglevie, second by Scott Wieting to appoint Kay Wampler as moderator – withdrawn. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Kay Wampler to appoint Scott Wieting as Moderator – 4 ayes.

2) Harbor Committee Request: Clerk Wampler read letter from the Harbor Committee requesting the Board to hire Earthscape Resource Management, Inc to obtain funding for a breakwater structure to prevent erosion into Grand Marais Harbor. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Kay Wampler to approve the contract with Earthscape to be paid from the Harbor Fund out of the CD's and be booked as using the administrative fee in the budget for the March payment and adding a line item in the 2007/2008 budget for it. – 4 ayes.

3) Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget: Clerk Wampler presented the proposed Cost Center budget and General Appropriations Act for the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year Budget. Discussion was heard regarding moving the Community Center expenses/income back into the Woodland Park Fund and out of the General Fund. In the recent past, the expenses were moved to the General Fund but Woodland Park reimbursed them without benefit of the income. Discussion over the possibility of raising water rates to increase our bottom line and be prepared for major repairs and upgrades to the mains. The 40 year bonds are almost paid up and we haven't done any upgrades to the system, only band-aid repairs. The new Water Advisory Committee will make recommendations on the rates. It was noted that the \$100,000 loan is to be repaid out of Woodland Park in accordance with the Deficit Elimination Plan over the next 3 years. The Proposed Budget was prepared averaging the last 3 years actual figures and adding 10% along with elimination of some items not needed and adding others that were. The budget will be finalized after the Annual Meeting of the Electors on March 31, 2007. Motion by Marc Oglevie, second by Lois Leavenworth to approve the General Appropriations Act and budget as presented – 4 ayes.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: March 5, 2007

Kay L. Wampler, Township Clerk

Approved: _____ on Motion by _____, seconded by _____ ~ ___ ayes, ___ nay's, ___ absent

The full text of any/all Resolutions contained herein shall be provided as an addendum to these minutes.

An official copy of all resolutions passed at this meeting are on file in the Clerk's office at the Burt Township Hall and are available for inspection/review by appointment.