

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board  
July 8, 2008 – 7:02 p.m.**

**APPROVED**

**Attendance:** Jack Hubbard, L. Scott Wieting, Kay Wampler, Marc Oglevie, Lois Leavenworth. **Citizens:** approx 20

**Public Comment:** Norm Geiger on Neighborhood Watch status, Marc to call a meeting of the committee. Aleta Hubbard to say thanks for all the help on the Commitment Flowers for the Harbor and report of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July sales. All Flowers are sold so they are starting to make more for the Festival in August.

**Approval of the Agenda:** **Motion** by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to approve the agenda with additions - 5 ayes

**Correspondence:** Letters received from ARCF regarding Grants for the Youth Director salary, for the Ambulance Corps EMT-B class, and the Garden Club for the Greenspace beautification. Also, order from Macomb County Probate Court postponing the decision on the Conservators for Ed Warren request to July 16 along with the Guardian Ad Litem's recommendation to let the contract stand. [Note: word came on July 9<sup>th</sup> that the judge has ruled and the Land Contract remains in force.]

**Approve Minutes:** **Motion** by Wampler, second by Wieting to approve Minutes of June 10 – 3 ayes, 0 no.

**Reports:** Written reports received from Mike Beek for the DPW/Water Dept. and from Sheri Shafer on the Marina and Woodland Park. Evelyn Morrison reported things were going well, they passed inspection, wondering if they could review CERT records before they spend the ARCF Grant funds to ensure they aren't duplicating some training items.

**Supervisor's Report:** Jack reported on the lack of response for the Youth Director position, Dust Control having been completed (Mr. O'Driscoll called to thank the board for dust control on Ames Lk Rd.). He also reported on the progress of the breakwall with Waterways and the Corps of Eng.

**Resignations/Hiring/Appointments:** None

**Treasurers Report:** Reconciled bank balances as of 06/30/2008: General Fund \$34,803.72, Fire Protection \$28,610.11, Harbor \$26,577.45, RLF \$42,135.98, Improvement \$65,729.27, Roads \$32,158.98, Medical Facility \$69.45, Ambulance Corps \$31,171.26, Woodland Park \$30,259.08, Fuel System \$6,367.65, Water Op/Maintenance \$3,619.69, Water Receiving \$11,691.45, Water Bond Redemption \$6,632.00, Water Wellhead Protection \$100.00, Water – General Purpose \$803.84, Marina \$4775.17, Tax/Agency \$1835.28, Payroll \$513.49, Savings: Beach Access \$332.60 Ambulance Trust \$35,8256.67, Ambulance Scholarship \$2,002.55. CD's – Ambulance \$11,094.75 and \$20,000.00, Fire Dept \$7,846.38 and \$22,189.52, Harbor Fund \$22,189.52, \$13,288.00, and \$23,166.51, RLF \$50,000.00, Beach Access/Greenspace \$10,369.39, Water Bond Reserve \$23,920.61, Water General Purpose \$10,000.00, Water Receiving \$30,000.00 and \$12,835.38, and Water Supply System \$11,960.30, Water Metering \$25143.37.

**Clerk Payment of bills: POST-Audit** (Bills paid to be approved): General Fund \$18,458.45, Improvement \$5,695.82, Woodland Park \$15,155.86, Water Operating \$5,005.77, Fire Dept \$4,657.70, Ambulance Corps \$3,081.27, Fuel System \$13,500.55, Medical Center \$257.65, Harbor \$375.00, Marina \$87.30, RLF \$475.00. **Bill Sheet** (Bills to be paid): \$43,499.30. Transfers from Other funds: Fire \$379.29, Harbor #2004.84, Improvement \$11,545.77, Medical \$236.21, Ambulance \$1085.75, Woodland Park \$8608.94, Fuel \$35.16, Water \$5,537.12, and Marina \$4,410.00 plus electric - **Motion** by Leavenworth, second by Wieting to approve both the post-audit and bills – 5 ayes, 0 no.

**Unfinished Business: A) Chamber of Commerce – ball diamond electric:** **Motion** by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to approve the plan, we want to see the plans with permits, copies of the permit & sign off to be filed with the office – 5 ayes. [16 new outlets around the perimeter of the ball diamond for vendor use during festival with appropriate shut off's inside so it can be locked. All costs to be paid by the Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce.] **B) Mowing Right of Ways:** Supervisor Hubbard asked for direction regarding enforcing the current resolution that states that the township will not mow the right of ways area between sidewalk and roads) or other private property. After discussion with the audience and board members, the direction stands. **C) Brownsfield – Wieting** Trustee Wieting reported on his finding on the Brownsfield/EPA program for cleaning up contamination on Township Properties in order to build a new facility for the Ambulance, Fire, etc... The program will take several years to go through all the steps required and suggested we get started with updating the Master Plan, to get a Legal Opinion from an attorney familiar with Land Issues, and proceed to learn our eligibility. Scott and Jack will form a committee to begin the updates to the Master Plan.

**New Business: A) Bud & Ryan Caryl – skateboard use** – Bud Caryl presented a petition signed by 95 people in the community stating that they "believe it is our duty to provide our youth with a "Skate Park" so they can partake in their skateboarding activities in one centralized area, rather than on the streets where they continue to be a major liability." The further proposed to use one of the current tennis courts for the Skate Park and asked the board to approve that request. Funding for the Skate Park would be earned through fundraising and donations. He also indicated that they would build similar obstacles as were done in the past. Paul & NormaJean Bennett (closest residents) opposed the use of the Tennis Court for this project due to the noise they experienced when this was attempted several years ago. Supervisor Hubbard indicated that this should have been included in the Recreation Plan when it was updated earlier in the year. He further noted that the children have been destroying picnic tables and other township property by skateboarding on it showing a lack of respect for the property. He also reported that our insurance company and Risk Management gave us some strict rules that would have to be followed to reduce Township liability. The main issue was that the obstacles had to be commercially built, inspected annually and that users would be required to wear appropriate safety gear and adhere to the rules. Mr. Caryl noted the formation of a skate park in Munising and they weren't requiring such strict rules. No decision was made at this time. **B) Water Rate Advisory committee recommendations** – Supervisor Hubbard and Trustee Wieting reported that the rates reported will remain for the Likety Split, Campbell Street Gallery, the Agate Museum, and the Market Place citing the urgent need for upgrades and lack of available funding. NormaJean Bennett reported that the Market Place doesn't use that much water. Stu Stuart stated the he feels he should only be charged one residence even though he operates the gallery, one rental apartment and his own private residence in the building. Supervisor Hubbard reiterated that the water rates are not based on use but on ready to use/availability. No board action was required. **C) Ambulance Fee Increase** – Chief Morrison reported that the Auditor recommended increasing our rates for ALS cot rate to \$700 and loaded mile rate to \$8.00. **Motion** by Leavenworth, second by Wampler to increase the rates as proposed by the Auditor effective immediately – 5 ayes. **D) Election Commission (KW, JH, MO) – Appointment Inspectors for August 5<sup>th</sup> Primary** – **Motion** by Hubbard, second by Oglevie to approve Brooks, Dowe, Durrwachter, Hubbard, Leavenworth, Munger, Pine, Powers, Shafer, Smith, and Smith as presented. – 3 ayes, 0 no. The election Chair will choose from those approved. **E) Adjusted Mileage Rate - Motion** by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to amend the policy sheet to \$0.585 per mile in accordance with the IRS – 5 ayes, 0 nos.

**Public Comment:** Paul Bennett asked about adding steps to two back doors on his house, he was referred to the zoning administrator. Evie Morrison commented about the danger crossing Woodruff Street on Veteran Street going west and asked if we could have the trees trimmed.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, July 10, 2008:

Kay L. Wampler, Clerk

Approved: August 12, 2008 on Motion by Oglevie, second by Leavenworth ~ 5 ayes, 0 nay's

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.