

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
November 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED

Attendance: Jack Hubbard, L Scott Wieting, Marc Oglevie, Lois Leavenworth, Kay Wampler. **Citizens:** approx 8

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Agenda: **Motion offered** by Leavenworth, seconded by Wieting to approve the agenda - 5 ayes

Correspondence: 1) Letter from USDA-Rural Development on approval of bid for new ambulance & funds request, 2) from James A. Currie Foundation on receipt of Grant for \$10,716.86 for purchase of a new stryker cot for the Ambulance Corps, 3) from Dore' Stevens expressing intent to return as park manager in 2010, 4) from Chuck Wittenberg expressing intent to return as maintenance man for park in 2010, 5) from Delphine Wilson supporting the water & sewer projects, 6) Sandra Fisher regarding use of Greenspace. Supervisor Hubbard read Sandra Fisher's letter. Discussion followed resulting in the Park sign being put back up and a notice put in the paper stating that the park is for the enjoyment of the community.

Approve Minutes: **Motion offered** by Leavenworth, seconded by Wieting to approve Minutes of October 13 as revised and October 30 – 5 ayes. **Motion offered** by Leavenworth, seconded by Hubbard to approve Minutes of October 22 Town Hall meeting – 3 ayes, 2 abstained (did not attend). **Motion offered** by Oglevie, second by Wampler to approve minutes of the Election Commission held October 9 – 3 ayes.

Department Reports: Written report received from Al Seccia, Assessor with comments about Woollham foundation being added back to the tax roll by the state. No report from the DPW/Water Dept.

Resignations/Appointments: **Motion offered** by Wieting, second by Wampler to approve Appointment of Jim Krempa on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Pat Munger – 5 ayes.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Hubbard reported on a Municipal Building grant option. The board is considering combining the DPW, Fire, Ambulance and Township offices under one roof using grant money from Rural Development and the remaining RLF funds if possible. He also reported that the state is regionalizing the RLF program and we will lose the money unless we can use it locally before the new program goes into effect. A proposal was received from UP Engineers to prepare the pre-application package and begin work this afternoon so further action was postponed until the board has time to review it. Jack also attended the Great Lakes Small Harbor Coalition meeting downstate and the Fish & Wildlife and the Corps of Engineers are working to get the studies done. The Corps will be ready to put the project out on bids the 1st of the year if funding is secured. Kay, Jack and Seth Hoopingarner met with Wind Turbine people last week and Jack will meet with another later this week. Looking into future development of Wind Energy in the area.

Treasurer Report and Payment of bills: **Motion offered** by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to approve both the post-audit and bill sheet as amended – 5 ayes. Treasurer Report, Bill Sheet and Post Audit Reports are available for inspection. Treasurer Oglevie reported that the Water Dept opened a new Meter CD at Peoples State Bank on 11/9/09.

Unfinished Business: **1) Accept Audit Report:** **Motion offered** by Wampler, seconded by Wieting to accept the township audit report done by Scott Kenney as presented – 5 ayes. **2) Road Priority List – gravel:** **Motion offered** by Hubbard, second by Wampler to spend up to \$15,000 in gravel and to work with the County [road commission] on where it is to be used [out of the funds left over from the road millage] – 5 ayes. **3) Adopt Alger Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan:** **Motion offered** by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to adopt the Alger Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan by resolution 2009-4 – Roll Call Vote yielded 5 ayes, 0 nay's. Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

New Business: **1) Chamber Request regarding blocked roads/trails:** A great deal of discussion ensued regarding why, who and how the logging roads and others are being blocked and gated and its impact on the local economy from hunters, hikers, etc... The Chamber expressed concerns for Emergency Service access to someone in need of help in those areas, Handicapped accessibility of these lands, Land Locked private parcels resulting from these road closures, reduced commerce, and reduced property tax revenue. This issue is a statewide concern and communities that are impacted by this need to band together to work with legislators to correct this matter. The Board will contact and try to work on this through the Michigan Townships Association. **2) Polling Place ADA Accessibility Grant (Community Center):** Clerk Wampler requested permission from the board to pursue grant money to improve ADA access at the community center and bring the building up to code. The current ramp and doors do not appear to meet regulations and they may be other areas that need to be addressed. Clerk Wampler has emailed the Alger County Advocate for assistance in determining what all needs to be done. **Motion offered** by Leavenworth, second by Wieting to permit Clerk Wampler to pursue the grant – 5 ayes.

Public Comment: Sandra Fisher regarding street lights that are out. Treasurer Oglevie reported that many street lights have burned out, he is working on getting them fixed.

Adjournment: **Motion offered** by Leavenworth to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, November 11, 2009:

Kay L. Wampler, Clerk

Approved December 8, 2009 on Motion by Leavenworth, second by Wieting~ 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.