Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board Tuesday, May 12, 2015

7:00 PM -- Community Center

Attendance: Joe Venturato, Lori McShane, Lois Leavenworth, Tara Dongvillo, and Scott Wieting.

Agenda: Motion offered by McShane, second by Wieting to approve the agenda with the addition of the revised water Fund budget under new business item C. and moving the Wellhead protection UPEA representative up before unfinished business. 5 ayes

Public Comments: Lee Durrwachter spoke of concerns about water billing in the summer when usage is high.

<u>Correspondence:</u> Letter from Mike Wandschneider dated 04/21/2015 asking if modifications to the water billing system could be implemented here in Burt Township – possibly bill quarterly to save on costs. Letter from Melissa Carothers dated 05/11/2015, explaining two new planning sites around town sponsored by the Garden Club.

<u>Approve minutes</u>: <u>Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to approve the minutes of the April 14th regular board meeting. 4 ayes 1 abstain</u>

Department & Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Ambulance, DPW, Fire, Woodland Park, and Library. The Ambulance EMT class has begun and we have 4 students. Motion by Leavenworth, second by Dongvillo, to accept the proposal from Bowman Gas dated 04/28/15, to replace the two heaters in the east bath house in Woodland Park for a total of \$3,796.00. 5 ayes.

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: No new information from the DNR on the Airport land swap – it is still in the deed writing process. Still working on the agreement for the Rifle Range long term lease.

<u>Treasurer's reports and Approval of Bills</u>: Treasurer's report – (\$832,123.43) <u>Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$90,296.06) 5 ayes</u>

Unfinished business:

<u>Wellhead protection</u> – Bill Griffin from UPEA handed out information regarding applying for a grant to complete the Wellhead protection project. This has been ongoing for quite some time and will only cost the township approximately \$685 to complete, along with grant funding. Board to review grant application.

<u>UPEA feasibility study – fish cleaning station/bathhouse at marina</u>: Fish cleaning station currently at the Marina is getting used quite regularly. A few campers have complained that it was moved from the campground. Township placed one back at the campground for the month of May. Board agreed to pursue conceptual designs from UPEA and Bitnar Engineering out of Escanaba for bathroom facility with fish cleaning station, with design to include septic drain field as well as sewer hookup options.

Sewer System: Second draft of a survey and letter to be sent out to all water system customers was distributed to the board for review. Approved – will be mailed out by end of week. Copy will be in the next edition of the local paper as well. **Township Policies:** Draft of revised board policies distributed for review. Complete package will be presented at next meeting for adoption.

New Business:

<u>Medical Center:</u> Letter was read from Helen Newberry Joy Hospital regretfully notifying us that they did not have an available provider to accommodate our request for a visiting doctor here in our medical center. We will continue our pursuit and contact Munising Memorial and Schoolcraft County. Also read a letter from Julie Deisenroth, RN, asking if we could offer her a location for her to use to service our community with foot care. <u>Motion offered by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to allow her to use the medical center at a cost of \$20 per day/use.</u> 5 ayes. We will post a schedule around town once it has been confirmed.

<u>Water budget (revised):</u> After conversation with Rural Development and our auditor Scott Kenney, the water budget was amended to clearly show the amounts needed for transfer to our water bond redemption and repair accounts and also to include depreciation. <u>Motion by Wieting, second by Dongvillo, to approve the budget amendments as presented.</u>

Other

Public Comment: Lee Durrwachter commented positively on the way the board was handling the sewer system possibility, and asked if we could contact our insurance to have the townships rating level changed due to some of the improvements that have been made, thus resulting in possible reduction to individual homeowners insurance.

Adjournment: 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted May 20, 2015

Lori McShane, Clerk