

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board-Monday, June 8, 2015 - 7:00 PM -- Community Center**

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

**Agenda:** Motion offered by Dongvillo, second by Leavenworth to approve the agenda. 5 ayes

**Public Comments:** Karen Brzys read a letter to the board dated 06/08/2015, about the sewer system survey, with questions and proposed alternatives. Many additional comments from community members opposed to a new sewer system.

**Correspondence:** Email from Richard Rossway, ride organizer for the 25<sup>th</sup> Tour Da UP, asking for camping arrangements for two nights in early August. Woodland Park Manager Shari Shafer had contacted him and arranged for his group to camp at the ball diamond for a flat rate of \$100.00.

**Approve minutes:** Motion by Leavenworth, second by Wieting, to approve the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting. 5 ayes

**Department & Committee Reports:** Reports were available from the Ambulance, DPW, Fire, Woodland Park, and Library. The Ambulance Corps wishes to thank and acknowledge the Women's Club for their generous donation of \$600 to encourage the continuing education of our EMT students. Fire Chief announced that the Fire Department was awarded another grant this year from the Currie foundation to be used for additional turn out gear. Park report noted that the pole barn "never looked better" than it did after the Hubbard family prepared for the wedding. The drapes that were custom made for the walls were purchased by the township for future events.

**Appointments/Resignations:** Zoning Administrator: Due to Norm Geigers recent illness, the board made it clear that the Supervisor, Joe Venturato, would handle all zoning issues in his absence.

**Supervisor Report:** The deed for the airport land swap has been prepared and is in the mail to us for Supervisor's signature. We are still working on the long term lease for the rifle range. The DPW departmental report commented on the tremendous amount of time spent out at the rifle range cleaning up this spring. Garbage is all over the place and whatever they can shoot at gets shot. If you use the rifle range, please be respectful and clean up after yourself.

**Treasurer's reports and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer's report – (\$837,385.68) Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$19,281.94) 4 ayes 1 abstain. Scott Wieting requested the treasurer's report and bill sheet be emailed to him for review.

**Unfinished business:**

**UPEA feasibility study – fish cleaning station/bathroom at marina:** Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to negotiate a contract with UPEA to provide us a conceptual design of a fish cleaning station and a bathroom facility to be built at the marina, with assistance in applying for a DNR grant next spring. 5 ayes

**Sewer System:** Responses to the sewer system survey were reviewed. Out of 295 mailed out, only 157 had been returned. On the question "I agree a sewer system is needed" the vote is 77 – no, 71 – yes, 9 undecided. It is clear the community is split on this issue. The board needs to gather much more information and educate ourselves and the community before going forward. This survey was sent out only to get feedback. We have not contracted any engineering firms - we are just gathering information. We received many letters on this subject as well that were not read into correspondence but were copied and distributed to board members. Our next step will be a "town hall" meeting with representatives from the DEQ and other entities present to answer all of our questions. More information will be posted and distributed as available.

**Township Policies:** Complete package of new Board and Administrative Policies and the Employee policies were presented for adoption. A special board meeting will be scheduled to review and edit these as necessary.

**Wellhead protection:** Resolution 2015-06-01 to support the application for assistance from the MDNRE – to support the continued efforts for the Burt Township Wellhead Protection Program was approved on a motion from Dongvillo, seconded by McShane. 5 ayes. UPEA will file the grant application for the full grant amount of \$7,500 on our behalf.

**New Business:**

**Airport Hangar Lease:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by Leavenworth, to approve lease for the hangar at the airport with Ed and Karla Bowen for the term of one (1) year, May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, payment of \$400 per year. 5 ayes.

**Community Center Roof replacement:** Reviewed bids from Dan Perkins Construction and R.M. Petrie Builders for a new roof at the community center. Issue was table until next meeting. More information needed.

**Fire Department Equipment Disposal (sealed bids):** An ad was placed in the last two issues of the Grand Marais Pilot and Pictured Rocks Review requesting bids for equipment the fire department needed to dispose of. One bid was received. The old fire truck will be sold to Tim Baker for \$950. Other equipment to be disposed of at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

**Other:**

**Public Comment:** Sandra Fisher urged the board to contemplate every alternative and to consider the financial burden to the community with regard to the sewer system. Delphine Wilson requested we look for grant funding from other organizations as well as RDA. She also made requests for repair to Wilson Street and to the parking lot at the end of coast guard point.

**Adjournment:** 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted June 16, 2015

Lori McShane, Clerk