

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Monday, July 11, 2016 - 7:00 PM -- Community Center

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

Agenda: Motion offered by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to approve the agenda 5 ayes

Public Comments: Wendy Lowe asked about the township noise ordinance with regard to fireworks and enforcement. Nancy Weston from the Alger Regional Community Foundation presented the board with the \$2,500 grant check to help with the cost of the looping project. Carol Rose thanked the board as well as the people from Hearing Loop Systems out of Holland, MI, along with Joe McDonald for all of their help in getting this project completed. There is a “glitch” in the system after the floor installation, but all parties are working to correct this and we hope to be able to have the demo before our next meeting. Delphine Wilson commented that the grass on the side of the road on Wilson Street was long and needed attention. She also would like to see zoning regulations enforced with regard to “weekly rentals” throughout town, limiting these to bring in more families; she commented on the township’s need for nice bathrooms in the downtown area and the condition of the parking lot down at the breakwall. Tom Kladzyk asked if the township had an ORV ordinance and if not, how we can enforce the county ordinance. Mr. Kladzyk also volunteered to be appointed to the planning commission.

Correspondence: Email from Stu Stuart dated 07/06/2016, suggesting we look into purchasing a beach rake to clean up the debris on the bay beach after the fireworks.

Approve minutes: Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to approve the minutes of the June 13 regular board meeting and the June 13 & July 1 special board meetings. 5 ayes.

Department & Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Ambulance, DPW, Park, and Library.

Appointments/Resignations:

Supervisor Report: none

Treasurer’s reports and Approval of Bills: Treasurer’s report – (\$674,436.80), Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to accept treasurer’s report and approve the bills for payment. (\$130,869.48) 5 ayes

Unfinished business:

GIS/Land Value Maps: Received the formal proposal from Coleman Engineering and CUPPAD. Clerk McShane will attend the county board meeting on Monday July 18, 2016, and will schedule a special board meeting after that to make a decision.

New Business:

Scott Kenney, Auditor: The Township Auditor, Scott Kenney, has completed the audit of the 2015-2016 fiscal year and presented the results to the board and community members. The township did very well this year, as there were no material non compliances, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. There were a few comments and recommendations. Copies of the complete audit report as well as his presentation can be obtained at the township offices.

Write off uncollectable/Ambulance & services: Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to write off as uncollectible the six (6) ambulance invoices totaling \$4,390.74. 5 ayes. Motion by Venturato, second by McShane, to write off as uncollectible the 34 invoices for services totaling \$215.00. 5 ayes.

Park Loan Payoff: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to payoff the line of credit from Peoples State Bank early, as recommended by the auditor to save over \$1,000 in interest, at a payoff of \$49,305.20, before July 15, 2016. 5 ayes.

ORV/Golf cart ordinance: As reported by Sheriff Hughes at our June 13th special board meeting, the new county ORV ordinance treats golf carts as ORV, and they must be properly equipped and have an ORV sticker. The township has the authority to adopt an additional ordinance that would clearly address the golf carts in Burt Township. The board decided to take no action at this time.

Road closure for band performance 8/11/2016: Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to approve the request to close the roads in front of the bandstand, on the evening of August 11, 2016, for a free band performance. 4 ayes 1 abstain.

1st quarter budget review: Distributed printouts of the budget activity through the first quarter of this fiscal year. Special board meeting to be scheduled to approve amendments as needed.

Other:

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted July 13, 2016

Lori McShane, Clerk