

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Monday, July 13, 2015 - 7:00 PM -- Community Center

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

Agenda: Motion offered by Leavenworth, second by Wieting to approve the agenda, with the addition of the Community center roof replacement under Old Business – item E. 5 ayes

Public Comments: Superintendent of Burt Township School, Heidi Homeister, requested permission to change the water supply line size to the school, to offer some relief in the monthly water billing. Lee Durrwachter questioned the meter accuracy and asked if the charge for metered usage could be reduced.

Correspondence: Two letters dated 06-09-2015 from Sandra Fisher, one regarding the conduct of board trustees and the other a response to the sewer system survey letter. Letter from S.D. Hoffman dated 6-29-2015 regarding Mill Street. Correspondence from Donald and Carol Currie complaining about commercial property signage in front of their house.

Jeff Davis letter dated 7-8-15, requesting the township to move the streetlight in front of his house. Email from Bob Thompson thanking the board for the helpful and informative newsletter that was sent out with the summer tax bills.

Approve minutes: Motion by Leavenworth, second by Dongvillo, to approve the minutes of the June 8th regular board meeting. 5 ayes

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

Appointments/Resignations: Resignation from Lois Kinlaw, youth center director, accepted with regret.

Supervisor Report: The Airport land swap deal is complete. We have received the deed for the land and will forward it to the county to be registered.

Treasurer's reports and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$819,879.91) Motion by Wieting, second by Dongvillo, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$52,555.49) 5 ayes

Unfinished business:

UPEA feasibility study – fish cleaning station/bathhouse at marina: UPEA is working on a conceptual design. We should have something for the next board meeting.

Sewer System: Additional responses to the sewer system survey were reviewed. Out of 295 mailed out, only 168 have been returned. On the question "I agree a sewer system is needed" the vote is 85 – no, 74 – yes, 9 undecided. 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: Brief discussion about the policy review from the earlier special board meeting. The parameters for Public comment according to the "Michigan Open Meetings Act" were clarified.

Rifle Range lease Agreement with the DNR: The DNR has forwarded a 25 year lease for the rifle range property for board approval. A formal resolution will be prepared for the next meeting and lease will be sent to our legal counsel for review.

Community Center Roof replacement: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to contract R.M. Petrie Builders to replace the community center roof according to specifications on the bid dated 06-01-2015, at a cost of \$32,900. 5 ayes

New Business:

Scott Kenney/Auditor Presentation: The township auditor presented his findings after his audit of the last fiscal year. The report was very favorable, as there were no material non-compliances, material weaknesses, nor any significant deficiencies noted. Copies of his complete report are available at the township office.

Zoning Ordinance revision/Planning Commission: Motion by Wieting, second by McShane, to approve revisions to the zoning ordinance, section 401(A), sub paragraphs b, e, & j, as recommended by the planning commission and zoning board administrator. 5 ayes.

Other:

Public Comment:

Adjournment: 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted July 17, 2015

Lori McShane, Clerk