

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Monday, August 8, 2016 - 7:00 PM -- Community Center

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

Agenda: Motion offered by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to approve the agenda with the addition of Nonsmoking policy to New Business item F. 4 ayes

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: Letter dated July 26, 2016, from Mike Bridger regarding the intersection of Lake Street and Coast Guard Point Road and the need for additional signage. Letter from Mike Wandschneider dated July 31, 2016, regarding garbage truck traffic on his street. Request from Nancy Gardner Platt to transfer ownership of two cemetery plots. Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to approve the transfer of ownership of the two cemetery plots from Nancy Gardner Platt to Stephen and Mary Post. 4 ayes.

Approve minutes: Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to approve the minutes of the July 11 regular board meeting (with addition of exact times of the band request of 8:00 PM til 11:00 PM) and the July 25th special board meeting. 4 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to approve the appointment of Tom Kladczyk to the Planning Commission – term expiring 12/31/2017. 4 ayes.

Supervisor Report: none

Treasurer's reports and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$727,178.04), Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$35,559.13) 5 ayes

Unfinished business:

Community Center Looping: The Looping for the hearing impaired project is complete and demonstrations have begun. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this system up and running.

New Business:

Ambulance – additional millage: The board has decided to go ahead and prepare the ballot wording to put this additional millage request on the November ballot.

Corrective action – letter from the state: Letter received from the Department of Treasury local Government Financial Services Division asking for a corrective action based on the audit report submitted. Our expenditures have exceeded revenues for the last three years.

ACRC meeting follow up: Supervisor Venturato and Clerk McShane met with the Alger County Road Commission representatives on Thursday, August 4, 2016, to discuss renegotiating the fuel agreement. The township has shown a loss in the fuel system fund for the past two years and is asking for an increase in the allotted mark up on fuel prices. We will meet again in two weeks to continue discussion. Also questioned the changes made to the original agreement for the work on Cemetery Rd. No guard rails will be mounted along the roadside on the hill. They have decided that the 1/3 slope would be safer. We also asked them to look into the aforementioned traffic issue in Mr. Bridger's letter.

Army Corps – Coast Guard Point property: The board has contacted the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the property and parking area on the north side of the point. It has recently been determined that this area is not included in the lease – further discussion will continue to determine if they will contribute to the restitution and repair.

Zoning Ordinance: Section 309: District R-2 (Residential Two) (A) Intent: States that cabins used for tourist rentals should be authorized with a Conditional use permit. The board will ask the planning commission to review this section of the zoning ordinance and recommend enforcement procedure.

Non Smoking policy: Information from the Sault tribe was distributed to the board last month about possible policies or ordinances prohibiting smoking outdoors – Tobacco free recreation areas. Issue is still under review.

Other:

Public Comment: Comments about the increased tourism and the need to maintain the beach. Lots of trash and overcrowding.

Adjournment: 8:10 PM