

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board****Tuesday, August 12, 2014****7:00 PM -- Community Center****Attendance:** Joe Venturato, Lori McShane, Lois Leavenworth, L. Scott Wieting, Tara Beckwith.**Agenda:** Motion offered by Leavenworth, second by Wieting to approve the agenda 5 ayes**Public Comments:** None**Correspondence:** Letter received from Sandra Fisher dated 07/10/2014 regarding the auditor's report, the need for the board to review and establish new ordinances, and publish a monthly newsletter. Letter was received from S. D. Hoffman dated 07/07/2014, asking for Mill Street to be made suitable for vehicular traffic. Correspondence from Deborah Lundquist regarding the use of the park fish cleaning stations by community members not staying at the park and commercial businesses. Board agreed to add this to the agenda for next meeting.**Approve minutes:** July 8 & 28, 2014: Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to approve the minutes of the July 8 regular and special board meetings and the July 28 special board meeting. 5 ayes**Department & Committee Reports:** Reports were available from the Park, Ambulance, DPW, Fire, Youth Center and Library. Letter was read from Fire Chief Joe Venturato asking board permission to spend the \$12,500 grant from the Currie Foundation, along with money from the budget, for turn out gear. Board asked for actual estimate from Galls for approval.**Appointments/Resignations:** Motion by Wieting, second by McShane, to accept resignation from James Thorrington from his position on the Board of Review. 5 ayes. Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to approve application from Eric Wiegand to join the Ambulance Corps part time/as available. 5 ayes**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Venturato reported that we are bringing in a surveyor to define the property lines in the alley behind Sandra Fishers home and will remove the trees if they are on Township property. Also, he reported that he had been notified by the State police, Sgt. John Bruno, they had finally completed the traffic survey that had been started years ago and had determined the speed limit on H-58 east of town could be raised to 35 MPH. Not sure when this will take place, but if you would like to send a letter to address any concerns you might have, here is the mailing address: Michigan State Police, Sgt. John Bruno, 1924 Industrial Pkwy, Suite A, Marquette, MI 49855**Treasurers reports and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer's report – the accounts are reconciled. (\$896,349.04) Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills. 5 ayes**Unfinished business:****Marina Boat Launch extension:** Associated Contractors reports the concrete planks are cast and ready to go. They will be delivering the supplies and are scheduled to start work after Labor Day. Once the scheduled is confirmed, we will do our best to notify every one of the actual dates the marina will be closed and unavailable to launch boats.**Community Center Kitchen Renovation:** The kitchen is complete. Thanks to all who have helped, and special thanks to Dick Casebeer and the kitchen committee.**Community Center outside painting (Mead family):** The painting at the community center is completed as well. Please join us for the community center dedication ceremony and open house on August 30, 2014, at 11:00 AM.**Rifle Range/Airport Land Swap:** Supervisor Venturato reported that a meeting is scheduled with the DNR to work out details. This should be completed soon.**New business:****Fitness Center relocation:** The school board and superintendent are planning to create a fitness center in the old shop room at the school. They have suggested we combine the equipment from the fitness center at the community center to make one place that would be more accessible. There was some concern over the hours of availability and the size of the room. It was decided to leave the one in the basement of the community center and to offer the one at the school as well to all community members. Contact Heidi at the school if you would like to use these facilities.**Bid from Wolf Creek to repair basement leak in township offices:** Motion by McShane, second by Beckwith, to accept the bid from Wolf Creek to repair the basement walls of the township office to prevent leaking for \$12,466, with additional funds for the repair of the septic and drain field if necessary. 5 ayes**Planning Commission/Recreation Plan/Zoning Ordinance:** Supervisor Venturato stated we have met with a representative of CUPPAD to assist us with updating the recreation plan. We need members for the planning commission. We need community input for the recreation plan and the zoning ordinance. Please contact the township offices if you would like to participate.**Other:****Public Comment:** Historical Society Iris Sale at the Pickle Barrel pm Saturday, August 16!**Adjournment:** 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted August 15, 2014

Lori McShane, Clerk