

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

7:00 PM -- Community Center

Attendance: Joe Venturato, Lori McShane, Lois Leavenworth, Tara Beckwith. (Scott Wieting, absent/excused)

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

Public Comments: Dick Casebeer spoke on behalf of the kitchen committee inquiring about the proposal they submitted regarding the community center and kitchen rental rates. Their hope and intent was to increase the revenue made from the rental of the community center and kitchen so more money would be available for repairs and updates needed in the future. Board responded that this issue has been tabled for review by the policy committee.

Correspondence: Letter from Pat Munger dated 09/02/2014 regarding the need for a fish cleaning station at the marina. Letter from Maura Johnston dated 09/07/2014 regarding the fact that in the DNR Michigan Harbors guide the Grand Marais Harbor is listed as having a fish cleaning station at the marina. Letter from Darren Young of UPCAP, dated 09/09/2014, asking to use the community center for PATH (Personal Action Towards Health) workshops. Motion by Venturato, second by McShane to allow UPCAP to use the community center at no charge for these classes. 4 ayes

Approve minutes: August 12, 2014: Motion by Beckwith, second by Leavenworth to approve the minutes of the August 12 regular board meeting 4 ayes

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

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Beckwith, to accept with regret the resignation of Pam Lundquist from the Ambulance Corps. 4 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to appoint Sheri Shafer and Craig Winnie to the planning commission to assist in the update of the recreation plan. 4 ayes

Supervisor Report: Nothing additional to report – see items on the agenda

Treasurers reports and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – the accounts are reconciled. (\$982,466.77)

Motion by Leavenworth, second by McShane, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills. 4 ayes

Unfinished business:

Marina Boat Launch extension: Associated Contractors reports the concrete planks are cast and ready to go. We currently have no confirmed scheduled for work to commence. 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.

Rifle Range/Airport Land Swap: Bob Burnham from the DNR was present to update all and answer questions on the status of the land swap and rifle range long term lease. He will email information shortly for the board to establish two resolutions to be approved at a special board meeting soon. He also mentioned the possibility of grant money further down the line for gun range improvements.

New business:

Fish cleaning station at the Marina: We are in the process of soliciting bids from engineering firms for design and implementation.

Township Website: We apologize for the current website not being updated timely. We are currently soliciting bids from three web design companies to establish a new webpage.

Other:

Public Comment: Norm Geiger stated that he thought the tennis courts at the park could use some work. Current condition is poor.

Adjournment: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted September 15, 2014

Lori McShane, Clerk