

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

7:00 PM -- Community Center

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

Agenda: Motion offered by Leavenworth, second by Wieting to approve the agenda, switching item F under unfinished business – H58 Speed limit with Robert Lindbeck from the ACRC – with A 5 ayes

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: Letter dated 09-26-2014 from Karen Brzys regarding the monthly water rate. Memo from Fire Chief Joe Venturato seeking permission to dispose of some of the outdated fire equipment. Letter from Bruce Erickson dated 09-25-2014 asking to discontinue water service and monthly charges for his property on Campbell Street. Letter from the Grand Marais Women's Club dated 10-13-14 asking for locks to be installed on the basement door at the community center and the storage closet. Memo from Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling, P.C. Attorneys at Law, dated 10-06-14 regarding an afterhours FOIA policy. Letter from S. D. Hoffman dated 09-24-2014 asking for an update on the status of improvements to Mill Street to make it suitable as a public street. Robert Lindbeck from the ACRC was present and addressed this, asking the board for direction. The road commission will clear the road and make it passable with no additional capital improvements.

Approve minutes: September 9th: Motion by Leavenworth, second by Beckwith, to approve the minutes of the September 9th regular board meeting 4 ayes

September 5th and 26th – Motion by Leavenworth, second by Wieting, to approve the minutes – 5 ayes.

Department & Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Park, Ambulance, DPW, Fire, and Library. Motion by Leavenworth, second by Wieting, to approve purchase of 10 picnic tables for the park from Pilot Rock for \$7,179.50 for delivery in May 2015. 5 ayes.

Appointments/Resignations: none

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

Treasurers reports and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – the accounts are reconciled. (\$705,099.54) Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills. 5 ayes

Unfinished business:

Speed limit – H58: Robert Lindbeck was at the meeting to explain the how the new speed limit on H-58 was determined. The speed limit will now be 35 MPH on H-58 east of town. The ACRC board passed a resolution to support the speed study finding, and instructed the State Police to process a Traffic Control Order to set the enforceable speed limit of 35 mph. The township had no recourse. Many people at the meeting expressed their discontent at having no say in the speed limits set in their community.

Airport Land Swap: Motion by Wieting, second by Beckwith to approve Resolution 2014-091 authorizing the township to enter into an agreement with the DNR to acquire ownership of the airport land. 5 ayes

Rifle Range – Motion by Wieting, second by Beckwith, to approve Resolution 2014-092 authorizing the township to investigate a long term lease agreement with the DNR to lease the land and operate a rifle range. 5 ayes

Employee 401 K program: Motion by Leavenworth, second by Wieting, to approve Resolution 2014-101, authorizing the township to enter into an agreement with Municipal Employee's Retirement System and participate in the plan and encourage employees to save for retirement. 5 ayes

Fish cleaning station at the Marina: Supervisor Venturato is continuing to investigate the possibility of installing a fish cleaning station at the marina. He is waiting to hear back from multiple engineering firms.

Marina Boat Launch extension: The boat launch extension has been completed. A few users have reported issues. Waiting to hear back from Associated Constructors.

New Business:

November regular Board meeting date: Motion by Leavenworth, second by Wieting, to move the November regular board meeting date from Tuesday, November 11th to Monday, November 10th, due to the Veterans day holiday. 5 ayes.

Other:

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted October 20, 2014

Lori McShane, Clerk