

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Monday, December 14, 2015 - 7:00 PM -- Community Center

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

Agenda: Motion offered by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to approve the agenda with revision - to switch new business (11) with unfinished business (10) to facilitate guests making presentations 5 ayes

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: Letter dated November 23, 2015, from S. Fruehauf regarding the constitutionality of the flat fee water billing policy. Chris Siegwart wrote a letter opposing a sanitary sewer system in Grand Marais (dated 11-23-15). Bill Hefferan wrote on December 9, 2015, thanking the township board for considering his request to black out the streetlights and for the prompt response. Email from Stu Stuart thanking the township and Wolf Creek for the sidewalk replacement in front of his building.

Approve minutes: Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to approve the minutes of the November 9th regular board meeting and the November 9th and 24th special board meetings. 5 ayes

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

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Wieting, to approve the following appointments: Planning Commission – Jim Krempa and Craig Winnie for two (2) year terms January 2016 through December 2017; Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Krempa, Ed Marx, and Sheri Shafer for three (3) year terms January 2016 through December 2018. 5 ayes

Supervisor Report: none

Treasurer's reports and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$617,577.92) Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$12,699.25) 5 ayes

New Business:

Alger Conservation District– T. Grout: Terri made presentation to the board recapping the activities sponsored by the Conservation district here in Grand Marais over the last year and asked the board to renew the contract through October 2016. Motion by McShane, second by Leavenworth, to renew the contract between Burt Township and Alger Conservation District through October, 2016, for \$2,000. 5 ayes

Great Lakes Shipwreck Marine Sanctuary: Daryl Ertel and Bruce Lynn from the Great Lakes Shipwreck museum made a presentation to the board explaining the economic impact and benefits of supporting their application to NOAA for a national marine sanctuary along the Lake Superior shoreline.

Unfinished business:

Fish cleaning station/bathhouse at marina: Grant application deadline April 1, 2016.

Township Policies: ongoing policy review- currently reviewing the Employee policies.

Water Rates: Results of the MRWA rate study conclude that rates need to be raised. Need to include a policy for potable water for campers and hikers at the marina and park.

Greenspace: Looking for feedback from the community about the greenspace. Forming a committee to discuss – Barb Whaley, Sandee Sibbald and Juanita Lowe have volunteered.

Other:

Public Comment: Burt Township listed on the back of the Cable America bill as the Michigan Franchise Authority. Need to investigate to determine what that entails and if we have any control.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted December 21, 2015

Lori McShane, Clerk