

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Tuesday, July 8, 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 with the addition of water billing and budget amendments added under item 12 - "other". 5 ayes

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: Letter received from Wendy Lowe dated 07/08/2014 regarding the location of the porta-johns during the 4th of July festivities. Also received a make shift petition signed by many residents and visitors complaining about the porta-johns as well.

Approve minutes: June 10 & 20, 2014: Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to approve the minutes of the June 10 regular board meeting and the June 20 special board meeting. 5 ayes

Department & Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Park, Ambulance, DPW, & Fire. Fire Chief Joe Venturato mentioned that the Fire department received a \$12,500 grant from the Currie Foundation, which will help begin to bring things up to standard. Lou Bailey commented that they would be working on the new system for the radios/pagers in the next few days so there would be a lot of testing and possibly some interruptions of service on other stations.

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. (\$864,292.40) Motion by Leavenworth, second by McShane, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills. 4 ayes (1 abstain)

Unfinished business:

Marina Boat Launch extension: Associated Contractors reports that the concrete planks are curing and they are looking at later in August after the festival to start working at the marina. They will be working two weeks maximum depending on the weather. Once the scheduled is confirmed, we will do our best to notify everyone of the actual dates the marina will be closed and unavailable to launch boats.

Community Center Kitchen Renovation : The kitchen is 90% complete. We have one last "hand wash sink" to be installed. Unfortunately, we cannot locate the sink. The company has confirmed that it was shipped, but it is nowhere to be found at the community center. Hopefully we can resolve this issue soon and enjoy the new kitchen. Thanks to all who have helped, and special thanks to Dick Casebeer and the kitchen committee.

Rifle Range/Airport Land Swap: Supervisor Venturato reported on his conversation with Lori Buford from the DNR, and things are progressing well. The original land swap for the airport land and a long term lease with the township on the rifle range will be forthcoming.

Community Center outside painting (Mead family): The painting has begun at the community center. We have placed jars around town and will continue to raise money towards our goal of replacing the metal siding on the barn next year.

Recycling program through Hiawatha: We have contacted Hiawatha Shores recycling and disposal to inquire about a recycling program here in Burt Township. We are still waiting for their response and proposal.

New business:

Scott Kenney, 2013-2014 Fiscal year audit report: The township auditor presented his findings for the last fiscal year. Overall we did really well, big improvement from last year. There were no material non-compliances or material weaknesses found. There were two significant deficiencies noted within the ambulance and water billing systems. Copies of the complete report are available at the township offices.

Bid From Wolf Creek to repair basement leak in township offices: Received a bid from Wolf creek to excavate around the township office building and repair the basement walls to eliminate the flooding issue we experienced this past spring. The bid is for \$12,466.00. The board agreed this repair needs to be done, but called for further discussion regarding the financing issues.

Ambulance Corps – update: Investigating the possibility of merging the Ambulance and Fire departments. Financially it may be the right move, but will not eliminate the problem the Ambulance Corps is facing with a shortage of MFR/EMT personnel for the on call schedule. The Ambulance Corps schedule is full for one more month, but we still have a critical need for new ambulance corps members.

Other:

Water billing: Motion by Wieting, second by McShane, to establish 4,000 gallons as our EDU (Equivalent domestic unit) for water billing purposes. 5 ayes.

Budget amendments: Motion by Wieting, second by Beckwith, to amend the budget as follows: due to the recent capitalization policy adopted by the township, which resulted in the reclassification of expenses related to the community center kitchen renovation and the stage rebuild, the community center repairs and maintenance (508-805-930.000) account should be increased from \$1,000 to \$30,000 and the Capital outlay (508-901-970.805) should be reduced from \$32,500 to -0-.

Public Comment: There were a group of campers from Woodland Park in attendance and expressed their concern over the recent dog bite incident in the park. Supervisor Venturato will contact Alger county sheriff to follow up.

Adjournment: 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted July 15, 2014

Lori McShane, Clerk