

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, September 14, 2021– 7:00 PM – Community Center

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Attendance: Sheri Shafer, Lori McShane, Lou Lundquist, Tara Dongvillo, (Deb Lundquist – absent)

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda as written. 4 ayes.

Public Comments: Cathy Egerer updated the board on the UP 200 race this winter. They are going forward with planning and hoping the border with Canada does not force them to cancel. Bill Egerer asked if audit reports could be posted on the web page.

Correspondence: Letter from Renee and Bob Stocking dated August 23, 2021, thanking the board for the extra law enforcement this summer. Email from Patrick Rouan and Linda Mathews regarding a memorial bench for their son out at the point. Email from Mike McShane dated September 11, 2021, asking for the board to review the current golf cart ordinance and answer why certain safety measures were omitted as compared to the county ORV ordinance. Note from Cathy Goulet regarding the food truck menus.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes of the August 10th regular meeting and the 25th special meeting. 4 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: None

Supervisor Report: Supervisor has contacted LMAS about COVID booster shots and they are only available for persons with special circumstances. Alger County Road Commission will be placing a “hidden intersection” sign on H58 east of Cemetery Rd.

Treasurer’s report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer’s report – (1,152,416.84) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist to accept treasurer’s report and approve the bills for payment. (\$97,097.97) 4 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Fuel System: Construction is scheduled to commence on Monday September 27th, and tank delivery tentatively Tuesday, September 28th.

Planning Commission – Master Plan contract with CUPPAD: Next Planning Commission meeting later this month will review and edit the sample survey supplied by CUPPAD – with plans to distribute end of November and send out with the winter taxes. This is the first step in the Master Plan process and will be followed up with charettes to get as much public input as we can. Watch for the postings.

Fireworks – State law/local ordinance: No further action has been taken on this since last meeting.

New Business:

Meeting with UPEA – 2022 Projects: Chris Holmes engineer from UPEA met with supervisor and clerk along with Mike Beek to discuss future projects and grant applications. Wilson street water project, replacement of the bathhouse on the beach with enhanced parking and stairways to the beach, remodel of the bathhouse in the park, Soil sampling after the fuel tank removal as well as out by the airport to get that approved for tri county dumping, and a feasibility study regarding the non-motorized trail to the school forest.

Non-motorized trail heading east to school forest: Tony Barnes, the new school superintendent, has shown great interest in completing a trail from town to the school forest. We spoke with the engineer from UPEA to get pricing on a feasibility study on the section from town to just east of Cemetery Rd. Mr. Barnes along with volunteers have already started working on the trail off the road through both school property and township property from that point to the school forest. They expect to get the approval from the State DNR to go through that property in the spring. He would like the township to sponsor a grant application to complete this and connect to the downtown area. Maybe a dedicated “silent sports area” out that way as well. Board will review estimates from the engineer and discuss funding after the third quarter budget review.

Other: The fuel system deficit elimination plan was approved by the state. The community center kitchen was inspected and approved by the health department. Changes to some of our policies are forthcoming. ARPA funds first request was refused by the state. Some minor signature issues and problems with the DUNS number. Will resubmit by September 20th.

Public Comment: Agate beach parking lot extension needs lines. Mike McShane asked about the golf cart ordinance and the liability to the township and if the ordinance had been reviewed by our lawyer. Board responded that it had not. Questions about the Wilson Street water project, replacing water mains that were originally installed in 1978. Rich Williamson told the board about possible grant funding through the Michigan Waterworks for improvements to our Marina. Tom Cleary suggested new nozzles at the fish cleaning station.

Adjournment: 8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted September 21, 2021

Lori McShane, Clerk