

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, October 12, 2021– 7:00 PM – Community Center

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

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

Public Comments: Linda Steinke thanked the board for the placement of the hidden intersection sign on H58 at Cemetery Rd.

Correspondence: Letter from Ed Bowen dated September 29, 2021 advising the township that he no longer is a licensed pilot and will not be storing a plane nor renting the hangar at the airport. Letter from the Grand Marais Rock and Mineral Show thanking us for our support of their rock show event and offering a donation to the township of a handicapped pathway to the beach out at the boardwalk. We will be meeting in the coming months to discuss this. Letters from both Janice Wilberg and Robert Alexander expressing their concern over a land permit application that was recently approved for a structure out on coast guard point.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes of the September 14th regular meeting. 4 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: The board wishes to thank Ed Bowen for his years of service as the Airport Assistant Manager, and accepts his resignation with regret.

Supervisor Report: none

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,168,074) Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$75,402) 4 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Fuel System: Construction is ongoing. Expect to be complete by the end of the month. New 6000 gallon above ground fire safety tank has been set in place and the old tank has been removed. LARA and the state regulator have been monitoring the construction and we have passed all inspections.

Planning Commission – Master Plan: Next Planning Commission meeting will be held tomorrow (October 13th) at 7:00 PM. This will begin the review and edit of the survey. – 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 and please participate!

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

Golf Cart Ordinance: Ordinance was sent to our township counsel, Steve Tinti, for review. He has advised that we should repeal. An ordinance repealing will be presented for approval at our next meeting.

UPEA projects: UPEA has advised that a feasibility study for the connection from downtown to the trail out east to the school forest would cost approximately \$30-35,000. The board has decided to pursue grant funding for a new bathroom in the downtown area (on the beach) with an extended parking area and redesigned stairways down the hill, as well as paving the marina parking lot and replacement of the one of the bathhouses in the park. We will continue to support the schools' efforts in the trail building process and will review costs during our budget process for the next fiscal year.

New Business: none

Other: The supervisor, clerk, and trustee Lou participated in an online training session presented by CUPPAD about the American Rescue Act Funds and how we can spend them. Burt Township should receive about \$50,000. Next meeting, we will be talking about a moratorium on short-term rentals until the zoning ordinance rewrite is complete, as well as the proposed music and movies in the park this summer and the update to the community center kitchen rules.

Public Comment: Mark Steinke strongly encouraged the board to consider the moratorium on the short-term rentals.

Adjournment: 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted October 15, 2021

Lori McShane, Clerk