

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, November 9, 2021– 7:00 PM – Community Center

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Attendance: Lori McShane, Lou Lundquist, Tara Dongvillo, Deb Lundquist, and Sheri Shafer

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda as written. 5 ayes.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: Letter from Matt Stinson regarding parking his food truck at the Groomer Barn for the winter months. Len McLeod wrote a letter regarding the recent campground proposal to the planning commission and his thoughts on limiting vacation rentals in the township. Email from Gary Thompson about the airport and the need to restrict the ATV/ORV's from ruining the runways. Letter from Andrew Mitchell asking for restrictions on ATV/ORV's and snowmobiles to stay on the trail and off the beach and private property.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the minutes of the October 8th special meeting and the October 12th regular meeting. 5 ayes.

Department and Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Assessor, Fire, DPW & Water, Park, and Library. Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the bonus request made by the Woodland Park Manager for the seasonal employees, but to reduce the amount to \$400.00 each. 5 ayes.

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: Thank you to Mike Beek and crew and Northwest Petroleum for all the work put in to complete the new fuel system. Recycling is back in the pole barn and the next scheduled day is Wednesday, November 17th from 9:00 AM till 12:00 PM. The community pumpkin carving contest sponsored by the women's club was a big success. Watch around town, in the paper and online for postings about all of the upcoming holiday activities sponsored by the Women's club and the chamber.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,130,433) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$28,941) 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Fuel System: Fuel system is complete. Final bill is estimated to be about \$63,000.

Planning Commission – Master Plan: Next Planning Commission meeting will be held tomorrow (November 10) at 3:00 PM. This will be the final 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: Correspondence has been sent to our township counsel to facilitate writing of the new ordinance.

Golf Cart Ordinance: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to adopt Ordinance #2021-02, An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance # 2017-18, Golf Cart Ordinance as written. Roll Call vote – 5 ayes. This ordinance will be in effect 30 days after publication. Golf carts will now be covered by the Alger County ORV/ATV ordinance. Copy of this ordinance is on our website. Please review this ordinance and offer your feedback about possible changes we could make for local control. We would like to hear from the community so please call, write, or email the township offices. We are looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to review the county snowmobile and ATV ordinances and make recommendations to the board.

UPEA projects: Meeting was held with UPEA to discuss details on the new bathhouse on the east end of Woodland Park. We are trying to get bids this winter for a late fall 2022 construction. Supervisor and Clerk met with Elise Cormier, resident and Landscape Architect, to discuss some of our other projects in the works and would like to discuss her involvement in designing and working with UPEA going forward. She has many great ideas and talents and will be a benefit to our team.

New Business:

Movies and Music in the park – summer 2022: Devin Lawrence has requested permission from the board to have bands play from approximately 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM before the movies on Friday nights behind the community center next summer. Issue was tabled until board could meet with Mr. Lawrence for more details.

Community Center Kitchen: Office Administrator Heather Dobberstein has met with the health department inspector to review and update our community center kitchen rules since the inspection and approval of the kitchen. Motion by Shafer, second by McShane, to adopt the new rules for kitchen rentals, including the stipulation that food prepared outside of the community center kitchen (ie: at home) must be separated and clearly labelled as such while being served. 5 ayes.

Law Enforcement – review summer logs/discuss winter season/possible ballot: Sheriff Brock provided the board with a bill for the additional summer road patrol along with a list of accumulated statistics for the time frame of June 1 through September 30th, 2021. The board had many questions, and a special meeting will be scheduled for November 23rd, at 1:00 PM at the community center with Sheriff Brock present to explain and answer questions.

Building for Sale downtown – possible acquisition: Building for sale on Lake Street downtown formerly known as the Breakwall Café. Township has inquired with the owner about purchasing and possibly using as a downtown public restroom and visitor center. Additional ideas about the kitchen and upstairs are being discussed. Asking price is \$550,000. Board will come up with a business plan and present to the electors if feasible. Some public comment regarding the loss of a much-needed commercial space for private enterprise.

Short Term Rentals moratorium and the state legislation: Motion by McShane, second by Deb Lundquist, to adopt resolution 2021-11-01, placing a moratorium on any new registrations of short-term rentals for a period of two (2) years, until the Master plan and new zoning ordinance has been completed. Roll Call vote – 5 ayes. Any short-term rental not registered by December 31, 2021, will not be permitted to operate as such, and will be subject to the fines as referenced in our Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Survey on Township property: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the contract with Peninsula Land Surveying to mark the property lines on the Township property on H-58 across from the landfill for a cost of \$2,780.00. 5 ayes. The township granted an easement to a property owner adjacent and clarification is needed on the location of the property lines between the School Forest, Burt township and their property.

Speed Limits/residential areas/M77: The question about speed limits was brought to the Alger County Road Commission board meeting in November. The ACRC directed us to contact the State Police regarding the county roads and MDOT regarding the state highway M77. In the past, MDOT has said that a comprehensive study on the main highway might lead to some unwanted changes with regard to downtown parking. The board agreed to contact MDOT again for further discussion, as well as to push the State Police with regard to residential designation on our local county road H58.

Other:

Public Comment: Renee Stocking commented that we should just pay for the police presence in town, without questioning the statistics. Sara Secrest hoped that the movies in the park could be earlier as most young children are in bed before 10:00 PM. Jen Williamson asked about the process for the ATV committee selection.

Adjournment: 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted November 12, 2021

Lori McShane, Clerk