

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, January 11, 2021– 7:00 PM – Community Center

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Attendance: Sheri Shafer, Lori McShane, Deb Lundquist – Tara Dongvillo and Lou Lundquist via Zoom.

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

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: Email from Briana Rupel dated Monday, January 10, regarding the open criminal investigations here in our community and asking the board to make a statement regarding them.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Deb Lundquist, second by Tara Dongvillo, to approve the minutes of the December 14th regular meeting. 5 ayes

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

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to appoint Nicholas Paul to serve on the Fire Department effective immediately. 5 ayes

Supervisor Report: Due to the rising number of covid cases in the community, we would like to close the township office to visitors. We are available by telephone Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM. There is a slot on the door for you to drop your tax or water payments. If you are requesting a Covid test yourself, please call ahead and wait outside. The skating rink on the tennis courts in the park is now ready for your use and enjoyment. Thank you to Mike Beek and crew for getting set up.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,201,580.01) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Shafer, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$10,235.29) 5 ayes. Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to cash in the Fire Department CD 7900031027, for approximately \$35,236.00, effective February 1, 2022, to supplement paying for the new fire truck and the necessary improvements and repairs as well as prepare for additional equipment needed by the Fire Department in the upcoming months. 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Fuel System: Fuel system is complete. We have encountered some inconvenience when the truck is here to fill up the tanks. An OSHA approved staircase will need to be custom built to accommodate the filling of the tank. Northwest petroleum will design something and install for approximately \$2,000 - \$4,000.

Planning Commission – Master Plan: Next Planning Commission meeting will be held sometime in March 2022, and they will be reviewing the survey responses. 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: Ordinance received from township counsel, Steve Tinti. This ordinance specifically confirms the rules as outlined in the MICHIGAN FIREWORKS SAFETY ACT, MCL 28.451. Motion by Shafer, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve and adopt Ordinance number 2022-01, entitled regulation of discharge of consumer fireworks. Roll call vote – 5 ayes. Complete and entire ordinance will be published in the next edition of the local paper and will be effective 30 days after publication.

ATV/Snowmobile Committee: The first meeting has been postponed until January 26. We are still looking for your input - please send a letter or email.

UPEA projects: UPEA is still working on a bid package for us to send out for the paving of the Marina parking lot next summer and completing plans for the new bathhouse in Woodland Park. Both of these projects will go for bid yet this winter. The board has decided after recommendations from UPEA, that the water line replacement project for Wilson and Woodruff streets will be postponed until summer of 2023. The high cost and long lead time on materials as well as the delay in funding approval all factoring into the decision. We are still putting together DNR grant application for work on the bay hill and a new bathhouse for the beach.

Law Enforcement Contract-Ballot proposal/funding questions: The township is currently in a contract with the Alger County Sheriff's office for additional road patrol. The board decided to continue this contract into the summer utilizing the current funding process of a combination of park user fee and general fund tax dollars. If we are to continue this additional road patrol, should we put the proposition on the ballot or put it on the ballot as a millage? Board decided to wait until the master plan survey results and charettes are completed to get an understanding of the community wishes, and possibly put it on the ballot in August or November 2022.

Board and Administrative Policies: Continued review of our policies – special meeting to be scheduled for discussion of updates and changes.,

New Auditor Proposal: We are waiting on the contract from Anderson Tackman.

Airport Hangar Lease: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to offer the airport hangar for lease at the rate of \$400.00 per year to Mr. Macomber, effective May 15, 2022. 5 ayes.

New Business - none

Other: Federal Lands to parks application revised and distributed to the board for review. Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to approve the \$550 expenditure for zoning administrator training. 5 ayes. Budget Review special meeting scheduled for January 19, 2022, at 1:00 PM.

Public Comment: Comments from Elise Cormier and Briana Rupel urging the board to take a strong position on the open criminal investigations in our community and asked for a tentative time frame for board response.

Adjournment: 7:50 PM