

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, February 8, 2022– 7:00 PM – Community Center

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Maresa school tax collection fee agreement as new business item c. 5 ayes.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes of the January 11th regular meeting and the January 19th and 28th special meetings. 5 ayes

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

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist to approve adding Devon Lawrence to serve on the Fire Department effective immediately. 5 ayes

Supervisor Report: We are currently in the midst of our budget cycle for fiscal year 2022-23, the final budget will be presented for approval at a meeting in mid-March. Latest update from Sheriff Brock is they have been in town the last couple weekends and have written 24 tickets. The UP 200 will be coming through Grand Marais on February 18/19, women's club will have food, stop in for all the activities and see the sled dogs. Next recycling will be February 16th, from 9:00 AM till 12:00 noon in the pole barn.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,252,957.92) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$26,713.87) 5 ayes. Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to transfer \$50,000 from the water receiving fund to a CD. 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Fuel System: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the specs and quote from Northwest Petroleum to construct a platform and stairway to facilitate loading the fuel tanks for a cost of no more that \$6,000. 5 ayes.

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!

UPEA projects: Reviewed email from UPEA regarding the cost estimate for the new bathhouse in the park. A 1500 square foot building, based on cost of construction materials and labor, is projected to cost over \$650,000. UPEA will continue to draw up the plans and we will wait and go out for bid in May hoping the prices will come down. We also are continuing to work on the concept of a new bathhouse on the bay with increased parking area to be submitted as a DNR grant request as well as designs for the greenspace. The Marina paving plan is completed but will need additional topographic survey in the spring to finish.

Board and Administrative Policies: Special meeting scheduled for February 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM for policy review.

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

New Business

MDOT meeting: Representatives from MDOT met with the supervisor and clerk to discuss the details of the summer 2023 repaving project of M77 from the county line through town. This project will include renovating the curbs for ADA accessibility and will paint pedestrian crosswalks at both intersections in town. They will be repaving all the way to the sidewalks and have offered the township a few options for parking in the downtown area. First option is MDOT will paint the lines for parking but it would be a back-in angle parking template or parallel parking. If the township agrees to pay for the painting, we could paint them at an angle for front-in angle parking. Board agreed to respond to MDOT that we would pay for the lining of the parking area downtown.

Williamson microbrewery application: Motion by Shafer, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the application from Richard and Jen Williamson to the Michigan Department of Licensing for a on premises tasting room permit for their business on Lake Street. 5 ayes.

Maresa school collection fee: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the contract with Maresa for the 2022-23 fiscal year school tax collection at \$6,600. 5 ayes.

Other: Special meeting on February 24th will also cover recommended budget for 2022-23 fiscal year.

Public Comment: Karla Bowen mentioned that chief Ross thought it was in the fire policies that students who receive training sponsored by the township must serve on the fire department for a period of one year. Lou Lundquist thanked the DPW guys for a great job on the outdoor ice rink next to the community center.

Adjournment: 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted February 11, 2022

Lori McShane, Clerk