

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

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Attendance: Sheri Shafer, Lori McShane, Tara Dongvillo and Lou Lundquist. (Deb Lundquist: Absent)

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Smart Landscapes contract under new business item C. 4 ayes.

Public Comments: Brandie Taylor spoke regarding the proposed increase in the short-term rental registration fee. She questioned whether it was a fee or a tax and if it was legal to increase for the purpose of law enforcement. Leslie Carlson also spoke on behalf of the short-term rental owners and explained the investment in local interests that are served by the STR business. Tisha Panter questioned whether this increase was just a revenue raising tactic and asks how it would be used to support the ordinance.

Correspondence: none.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes of the February 8 regular meeting and the February 24th and March 1st special meetings. 4 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 accept verbal resignation from Quintin Courier from the position of Woodland Park manager. 4 ayes.

Supervisor Report: Thank you to all that volunteered and helped out with the UP 200 dog sled race. Another successful year. We are currently accepting applications until March 18th at 4:00 PM for the open position of Woodland Park Manager. We have scheduled a meeting with Sheriff Brock to discuss the contract for additional law enforcement in the upcoming year – meeting will be March 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,433,609.23) Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$10,125.26) 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission – Master Plan: Next **Planning Commission meeting** will be held on **March 31st at 6:30 PM.**, 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!

New Business

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING: Complete recommended budget was reviewed, as well as an overview of our completed projects last fiscal year and what we have planned for next year. A copy of the complete budget and the handouts are posted on our webpage and hard copies can be picked up at the township office.

Vote on recommendations and actions of the electorate at the Budget Hearing – Adoption of the 2022/23 Budget:

Clerk McShane Commented that we would confer with our Township counsel regarding the Short-Term rental fee.

Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Dongvillo, to adopt 22/23 General Appropriations Act which defines the budget and responsibilities of officers in relation to administration of the budget. Roll Call Vote – 4 ayes (1 absent)

Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt the 2022/23 proposed Policy Sheet outlining all salaries, wages, benefits, and fees for the 2022/23 fiscal year. 4 ayes.

Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt resolution 2022-03.-01, Resolution establishing water rates, authorizing an increase of 4.5% to the base rate only, effective April 1, 2022. 4 ayes.

Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the 2022-23 Regular meeting schedule, scheduling our regular board meetings for the second Tuesday of each month for the next fiscal year (excluding November 2022 – due to elections). 4 ayes.

Other:

Public Comment: Superintendent of the Burt Township School spoke on the need for teachers and a bus driver and affordable housing. Lengthy discussion ensued with various community members regarding the short-term rental registration increase and the need for law enforcement and the boards budget and direction of funding of this additional road patrol.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted March 14, 2022

Lori McShane, Clerk