

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2022– 7:00 PM – Community Center**

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

**Agenda:** Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda with the addition of Smart Landscapes Master services agreement under unfinished business item C. 5 ayes.

**Public Comments:** Rod Lowe asked the board if they could contact our credit card company to have the marina designated as a gas station so he may qualify for rewards points through his credit card company, or possibly offer a discount for cash purchases at the marina gas pump. Jay Aeschliman gave an update on the splash in and asked the board about offering helicopter rides in the ball field area on Saturday of the splash in. Paul Williams asked if the board had any plans for improving the condition of the marina parking lot. Jack Hubbard, Alger County Road Commissioner, explained the construction schedule for this summer on H58 east. It is a soft closure beginning August 8, 2022, for 1.7 miles to facilitate the culvert work at Baker Creek. Detours via Ellen Street to Old Seney Rd. will be posted.

**Correspondence:** Email from Matt Stinson proprietor of the Iron Fox Food Truck, dated May 11, 2022, regarding the township policies pertaining to the food trucks and the treatment he felt was harassing from the township clerk and the supervisor. Message from Louisa Calcaterra stating that she felt food trucks should not be allowed to park on the bay, the bay view should be respected.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Shafer, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes from the May 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the June 1 special 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 Lou Lundquist, to approve the appointment of Heather Dobberstein as deputy clerk, and approve the revised policy sheet with updated salary for Harbormaster, Deputy Clerk, and Fire department general maintenance. 5 ayes.

**Supervisor Report:** Dust Control was completed the week of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the women's club and the historical society and the volunteers for the flowers planted around town. Dump days are scheduled for June 17/18 from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM. The historical society sponsored community garage sale takes place on Saturday June 18, and the splash in is this same weekend. Fishing tournament scheduled for the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Shafer has regular conversations with Sheriff Brock and he reports the patrols are going well and have resulted in 17 stops and 7 citations issued.

**Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer's report – (\$1,357,814.56) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$44,297.71) 5 ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Planning Commission – Master Plan:** Planning Commission workshops are scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, June 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. Watch the township website, Facebook page and postings around town as well as the paper for more information! We need to hear from you! Your input is important! Paul Williams spoke on the issue of scheduling these meetings in the afternoon when people have to be at work. He asked the township board to request the planning commission reschedule the two meetings for week of June 20<sup>th</sup> so they could be in the evening.

**Sinetech, LLC-Woodland Park WIFI:** Sinetech submitted two plans with cost estimates to install WIFI with extenders in the Woodland Park Campground. The board reviewed and a representative from Sinetech attended this meeting to answer questions. Issue was tabled for continued meetings and discussion with Sinetech to customize a plan that is efficient and affordable.

**Smart Landscapes – Master Services Agreement:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to approve the Master Services Agreement with Smart Landscapes, Elise Cormier, to assist with projects and grant applications at \$115.00 per hour. 5 ayes.

**New Business**

**Army Corps of Engineers Lease – Land at Coast Guard Point:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to approve a payment up to \$8,855 to have the Army Corp develop a 25-year lease for the Burt Township to lease the property at the end of Coast Guard Point Rd. 5 ayes. It was suggested we ask for a 99-year lease if possible.

**Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum donation:** Bruce Lynn, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, wrote a letter asking the board for the old boat carriage wheels as well as some of the rails from the old Coast Guard Boat dock that the township has recently acquired. They will be used for a display in the museum and Burt Township would be listed as a donor. The idea was supported by the board members, with Lou Lundquist asking that we check with the National Park to see if they might need these parts if they were to dock the rescue boat there. \*\*\*Follow up: The park service had no need for these parts, so we are good to go with this donation!

**Other:** Need to schedule a special meeting to review our current employee policies. Would like to include all managers as well as board members. Possibly last week in June.

**Public Comment:** Rich Williamson thanked Tom Cleary, Sportsman's club president, for bringing back the Friday night fish fry as part of the fishing tournament this year. Linda Steinke asked about the Master Services agreement with Smart Landscapes at \$115 per hour. Jack Hubbard encouraged the board to pursue the plans for a sewer system and be ready for any financial assistance as it becomes available. Jack also suggested we talk with Terri Grout at Alger Conservation for assistants with grants and landscaping. Mark Johnston expressed his dissatisfaction with the food truck currently on the bay. Jacque Bugg felt that all food trucks, resident or non-resident, needed to pay the transient merchant fee of \$200.00. Maria Johnston also said no food trucks on the bay and asked about reporting blight and if there was a list somewhere of properties that may be under investigation currently.

**Adjournment:** 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted June 20, 2022  
Lori McShane, Clerk