

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, August 9, 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 the UPEA Sewer application as new business item C and to move the MSP speed limit presentation to the top of the agenda before unfinished business. 5 ayes. Please note the addition of the agenda rules on the backside of the agendas. Please review and act accordingly.

Public Comments: Sandy Neely spoke on the need to reduce the speed limits and limit the ATV traffic. Superintendent Tony Barnes explained the new scheduling at the school which leaves times for independent study for the kids in grades 9-12, and was asking for interested parties that would like to mentor students or volunteer to supervise them doing community service, or teach them a skill, to please contact the school for more information.

Correspondence: Email from Chris Saucedo of Discovery Channel asking for permission to film a segment here in the harbor in conjunction with the Great Lakes shipwreck Museum. Letter from John Barney and Patti Hughes about the danger of kids/people swimming and jumping into the water around the boat launch. Email from Sue Norton regarding the closing of the laundry at the park. Letter from Ann Ballash dated 08/05/22, regarding the potholes in the alley running from Randolph St. to Carlson St behind the Mennonite church.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes from the July 12th regular meeting and the July 27th special meeting. 5 ayes.

Department and Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Assessor, Fire, DPW & Water, Library, and Park as well as a report from the Alger County Sheriff summarizing the July patrols.

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: Hiawatha has contracted to have the fiber optic installation and the construction will begin here in August. There is a lot of confusion regarding marking underground utilities and access to private property. Please call Dan Nadeau at Hiawatha (906-387-9911) if you have any questions or are unclear on how your property will be affected. Please check our website for a new “sponsorship” page, where we will list the township project needs and recommendations that you may donate towards. This is to try and be consistent with the quality of benches/garbage cans/planters, etc. around the township. Recycling is ongoing on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month up on M-77.

Treasurer’s report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer’s report – (\$1,348,331.29) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist to accept treasurer’s report and approve the bills for payment. (\$56,595.36) 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission – Master Plan – August 18th – next meeting: Although the workshops are completed, the Master Plan process is far from over. The next meeting of the planning commission will be August 18th, with planning commission members discussing what will be included.

Sinotech, LLC – Woodland Park Wifi: Park Manager is working with Sinotech for a revised cost estimate to include a WIFI hotspot around the campground office this year and then next year (phase 2) creating WiFi hotspots at the pavilion on the east end and down by the Donahey woods on the west.

Greenspace - Smart Landscapes: Motion by McShane, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the plans for Greenspace improvements, including the curbing in the alley and the fencing (2 rail vinyl fencing – certa grain) for a total cost of approximately \$11,000. 5 ayes.

Hammersley – Short term rental correspondence: Issue was tabled. Will contact Hammersley and request the short-term rental cabin be included in the conditional use permit resubmission.

Park Kubota – price change: Motion by McShane, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the increased price for the park Kubota at \$19,595.00. 5 ayes.

New Business: none

Michigan State Police – Speed limits presentation: Copies of Sgt. Verlin’s presentation are posted on our website. This presentation shows how the Michigan State police analyze traffic data to set the speed limits. The township and the community really have no power to make changes to the posted speed limits determined by state. According to Sgt. Verlin, it is all based on science. The board will have to decide if we should go ahead with a resolution for a speed study and hope the science works in our favor, or possibly direct our concerns to Lansing – other people in the state police and our state legislature.

Smart Landscapes – Bayshore park grant application estimate: Motion by Shafer, second by McShane, to approve the level of effort estimate from Smart Landscapes for a concept design and assistance with DNR grant application for the improvements to the stairs going down the hill and an expanded parking area and new bathhouse, for a cost of \$3,450 (\$1,380 as an in-kind donation – net cost to township of \$2,070). 5 ayes.

UPEA-Sewer application: Motion by Deb Lundquist, second by Shafer, to approve an expenditure of up to \$30,000 for UPEA to revisit our sewer system grant application and bring it up to date, to be ready for any grant funding that may become available. 5 ayes.

Other: Ambulance Corps – We are still in need of people to serve on the Ambulance Corps. There is a class scheduled to start this October in Munising and this is just a reminder that the township will pay for the tuition as well as mileage for travel. We also will continue to support you after graduation and will pay expenses for travel and lodging for continuing education seminars and conferences. Contact the township office or Alger County for more information.

Public Comment: Cathy Egerer asked for permission to hang some historical photos on the front of the new Heritage Center. The historical society has received grant funds for the processing of the photos for outdoor use. Karla Bowen talked about the problems they are having getting the air tanks filled and requested funds to order additional turn out gear. Jack Hunnicut asked about having the lines repainted at the Lake Avenue/Coast guard point rd. intersection.

Adjournment: 7:35 PM