

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**Community Center, 7:00 PM**

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

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

**Public Comments:** Barb Massey reminds everyone that there is an Altran bus to Marquette that is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month for \$2.00. This was discussed at the planning commission meeting and some people were not aware of this.

**Correspondence:** Email from Bruce Johnson with an example of a sign he saw just outside Marquette regarding snowmobilers and ATV riders alerting them that they are entering a residential area and reminding them of rules. All board members liked this idea and agreed that we should put something together like this to be placed on H58 at the east and west ends. Email from Peak Chiropractic asking for a reduction in the rent for the medical center. The chiropractor comes once a month and is a small business that wants to keep an affordable price for his patients. They felt that \$100 per month was high. Issue was tabled to be added to the next board meeting agenda for further discussion.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes from the September 13th regular meeting. 5 ayes.

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

**Appointments/Resignations:** Dave Beckwith is now working for the campground since the marina activity has slowed down. Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve Todd Purple to work at the Woodland Park Campground and Troy Morgan to be appointed to the Fire Department. 5 ayes

**Supervisor Report:** ACRC and Payne & Dolan have completed the paving work on H58. Woodland Park Campground will be closing on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Campers may still pull in and park for a fee of \$5.00 with no amenities. Recycling is still on schedule for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and will be relocated to the pole yard for the winter months. Reminder, our November board meeting is one week later due to the election.

**Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer's report – (1,425,714.70) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Shafer to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$45,348.06) 5 ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>. They are still reviewing drafts of the master plan. Please watch our facebook and website for more information.

**Woodland Park:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the pavement restoration work by Wolf Creek for \$1,969.00. 5 ayes.

**ACRC –** Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to authorize Supervisor Shafer to sign the contract with ACRC for road work in the summer of 2023, 0.5 miles of graveling on William Hill Rd. and 0.6 miles of graveling and drainage work on School Forest Rd. for a township contribution of \$47,752 plus 10% contingency. 5 ayes.

**Smart Landscapes. PROPOSED GREENSPACE RENOVATIONS:** Elise Cormier made a presentation to the board and community members showing the plans for improvements to the Greenspace area. These plans include the new Christmas tree to be planted by Plesschers still this fall, fencing, a pathway leading from the rose garden behind the old post office by the gazebo and through the planned picnic area and benches. The pictures will be posted on our website for all to review. This pathway will be made up of pavers that can be purchased and dedicated as well as the benches and chairs for the gazebo and a lot of other stuff you can find on our website under sponsorship items. Elise has met with all the stakeholders and reassures everyone that the memorial gardens and benches already in place will only be enhanced, and all are in favor of the improvements. Watch for the majority of the improvements to begin in the spring of 2023.

**Smart Landscapes. Project updates:** Coast Guard Point Park, the first draft of the deed has been received by the township so we can move on with the development of the park. Meeting with the neighbors and stakeholders on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, went well. Everyone understands the township intentions for this area. First step is to work on shoreline stabilization, then remove the debris and the existing structures. The plan includes low level lighting and interested parties are hoping to plant milkweeds for the Monarchs. The driveway easement issue was discussed and settled as well.

**Anderson, Tackman Audit report:** Anderson Tackman completed an audit of the township financial statements and internal controls. There were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses found. This was our first year with Anderson Tackman as our auditor and there was no presentation to the board. Copies of the audit report are available on our website and in the offices.

**Speed Limit resolution:** After the presentation by Sgt. Verlin of the Michigan State Police in August, we have decided to go forward with a resolution for a speed study on H58 on the east end of town. This road has recently been re-paved and the flow of traffic is definitely going faster. The current speed limit is 55 mph, so results for the speed study cannot increase the speed limit, hopefully only reduce. The formal resolution will be presented to the board at our next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Fire Department – SCBA Air Compressor:** Fire Department has submitted an estimate from Macqueen Equipment for a compressor system to refill the SCBA tanks, for \$33,076.00. Issue was tabled for more information.

**Proposal to buy township property – Rick & Lyssia Merrill:** Email from the Merrills' offering the township \$30,000 for the 12-acre lot off of H58 across from the old dump site. They recently purchased the 40 acres adjacent and have an easement through this township property and would like to purchase. They offered to continue to work with the school on the trail development and to replant some trees and clean up the mess from the previous owner. Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to refuse the offer and not sell the township property at this time. 5 ayes. Board agreed that Supervisor Shafer could continue to negotiate with them on the easement placement.

**Other:** Draft of the deed from the Federal Lands to Parks program was distributed to all board members for review and also sent to our township counsel. Details of a new pension plan offered through MERS, an option for the township to move the funds from the current gleaner's plan, were also distributed to the board for review. Budget reports with activity through the second quarter of our fiscal year were given to the board as well. We will be scheduling a special meeting to follow up on these three open items. Our review and revisions of the employee policies is still ongoing, with a plan to present the revised package at the November board meeting.

**Public Comment:** Joe Pankowski commented on the interest rates we are currently getting at Peoples State Bank and suggested we might want to revisit this. Elise Cormier asked the township if they would sign a letter of support for Alger County Conservation to apply for grant funds to continue to eradicate invasive species, including the Himalyan Balsam which was found here at the west end of the campground.

**Adjournment:** 8:15 PM