

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Community Center, 7:00 PM

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda as written. 4 ayes.

Public Comments: Tony Barnes spoke on the millage request that will be on the ballot in November. He was not speaking as the school superintendent, but as a citizen. The request is just to re-establish the full millage and make up for the Headlee rollback erosion over time. Please vote yes on November 8th. Elise Cormier recognized Kelcie Lundquist for her keen awareness in spotting an invasive species near the Donahy Woods staircase to the beach. Please read the article in the Newberry News and everyone should be on the lookout. If you have any questions, please contact Alger Conservation.

Correspondence: Letter dated September 7, 2022, from Michael and Joann Dobrovic regarding the short-term rental on the beach next to their house. Note from camper asking for all reservations next year. Letter from Leslie Pickard, dated August 16, 2022, thanking the Alger County Emergency Services for a job well done when she was treated and transported to the hospital.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Dongvillo, to approve the minutes from the August 9th regular meeting and the August 24th special meeting. 4 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: Watch our website for the planning commission meetings coming up – the master plan is still under construction and they will be reviewing the first draft at the October Meeting. Recycling continues on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month up on M77. It will be moved to the pole barn for November.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (1,219,197.50) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$228,915.81) 4 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Dan Nadeau, Hiawatha: Dan from Hiawatha telephone was present to answer questions about the fiber optic installation work going on the past few weeks. They will be contacting homeowners individually about any work on their property, if possible. This is a huge infrastructure improvement project, and means faster and more efficient internet services for our community. If you have any questions, please contact Dan at Hiawatha and he will work with you to assure your property and any trees and plants are protected during the installation.

Planning Commission: Meetings are scheduled from September 29th (Conditional use permit for Paul Petersen) and October 6th. The October 6th meeting will be reviewing the first draft of the master plan. Please watch our facebook and website for more information.

Sinotech Wifi – Woodland Park: At the last meeting, we approved the initial step with Sinotech to create a hot spot at the campground office for Wifi. In order to accomplish this, we needed to contact Hiawatha and increase our band width of the incoming signal. This will increase our monthly bill for the park internet from \$127 to approximately \$235 monthly.

Woodland Park – Septic: Representatives from Pump Solutions, out of Carney, MI, came to the park Tuesday, September 13, and will provide us a plan and an estimate to replace the pumps and correct some electrical issues at their pump station.

ACRC – Road plan for 2023: Due to the delay with the RDA grant approval process, we will not be doing the water system repair on Wilson Street next summer, so the paving and repair of the road will be postponed as well. Supervisor Shafer has worked with Bob Lindbeck from ACRC to make some changes to the schedule for next year. Tentatively, we will be doing some work on William Hill Rd and continuing the improvements on the School Forest Rd. in the summer of 2023, with the Wilson Street and Woodruff Rd. paving rescheduled for summer 2024.

Smart Landscapes, Project Updates: Elise Cormier from Smart Landscapes spoke about things she has been working on for our community. The outdoor ice rink is planned again for this winter. Some people have inquired about an indoor ice rink in the pole barn but that is not feasible. The tennis court at the park has been repaved and will be painted/striped for pickleball. We have a community member that is interested in starting a league, willing to give lessons. More information to come. The greenspace fencing is scheduled for next spring, but we will be planting the new Christmas tree this fall. Hope to have a community dedication and tree lighting ceremony during the holiday season. The marina paving plan has will be finalized this week and the paving will be scheduled for next spring. Smart Landscapes is currently working on a plan for the grant application for improvements to the bay hill and a new bathhouse. The neighborhood park on Coast Guard Point plan is underway, and we will be talking with the condo association at their yearly meeting in October and contacting the shoreline restoration people to see what needs to be done. Also, please watch the township website for sponsorship opportunities and see how your donations and contributions will be used in all of our current projects.

New Business:

Fire Department – Turn out gear: Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Shafer, to approve purchasing the last four fire fighters turn out gear for a cost of \$12,900, from Fire Dex. 4 ayes.

Other: Brief discussion of the additional correspondence that our township attorney received from Terry Burkhardt regarding our current moratorium on short term rental registrations. The letter states that Burt Township does not have the authority to prohibit new registrations, especially when the home currently registered has a change of ownership, reiterating the same point made in the Nebel & Nebel correspondence. Mr. Tinti advised us again that the ordinance and moratorium is logical and a reflection of the intent of township, and to forego a reply and wait for further litigation.

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 15th, with UPEA to review all open projects. Also, we are looking for a name for the park currently being designed on the Coast Guard point property.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: 8:15 PM