

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Community Center, 7:00 PM

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda as written. 3 ayes.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Approve Minutes: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to approve the minutes from the October 11th regular meeting and the October 28th & November 7th special meetings. 3 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve Mark Ward-Harbaum to be appointed to the Fire Department. 3 ayes

Supervisor Report: The board is currently reviewing possibilities for applying for a Sparks Grant through the DNR – special funding for projects that promote health and wellness. We are looking at a sidewalk plan to create a walking path. Grant applications are due December 19th. Next recycling is November 16th, from 9-12. New statistics from Captain Matt Waldron of the Alger County Sheriffs office are in your packet for review and will be in the paper. We have lots of activities planned for the day after Thanksgiving this year, Parade of Lights, Lighting of the new Christmas tree on the greenspace, with a performance by the choir, and Starry, Starry night for a start to your Christmas shopping.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (1,105,326.20) Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$70,965.11) 3 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next meeting is scheduled for December 1 @ 5:00 PM to review the master plan and then another meeting following at 7:00 PM for a public hearing on the Hammersley conditional use permit.

Woodland Park: Making plans for next year, looking to increase the number of reservations spots, and update the rules and policies. Campground Manager will have more information at next meeting.

MERS Pension Plan – Resolution 2022-11-01: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt Resolution 2022-11-01, and enter into an agreement with MERS to provide a Defined Contribution Plan (Pension) for its designated employees, and to discontinue participation in the Municipal Retirements Systems/Gleaners plan. 3 ayes.

Smart Landscapes: We are looking into the SPARKS grant possibilities, still working on the plans for DNR grant application for improvements to Bayshore park, more work scheduled for the Greenspace in the spring, and emergency shoreline restoration at the old Coast Guard Boat dock location.

Fire Department – SCBA Air Fill Systems: Motion by Shafer, second by Dongvillo, to approve the purchase of an air fill system from Macqueen Emergency Equipment for \$33,535.00. 3 ayes.

Employee Policies: Still conducting a review of all policies. Hope to have revised packet available for board review next meeting.

New Business:

Maresa School Tax collection Agreement: Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to approve the agreement with Maresa and Burt Township School, for \$6,600 for tax collection services provided 2023. 3 ayes.

Indoor Ice Rink – Pole Barn: Correspondence received from Jen and Nick Paul representing many community members requesting the board review the decision to discontinue the indoor ice rink in the pole barn. We have been grooming an outdoor rink for the last few years but the consensus of the community is the indoor one would be utilized more often. The board discontinued the indoor ice rink due to damage to the cement floor in the pole barn and the LACK of use by community members. The board decided we would discuss with DPW personnel and start up the indoor ice rink again this year. If it is used and appreciated by the community, we will continue this. Some members of the community offered to donate time for the maintenance and upkeep.

Other: Clerk McShane has a meeting scheduled with Lt. Lance Cook of the Michigan State Police for Tuesday, December 6th, to continue discussion of a speed study and reducing the speed limits on H58 and M77. Official resolution will be presented at December meeting.

Public Comment: Pat Grasser asked about the plowing at the post office. This is privately sourced.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted November 18, 2022

Lori McShane, Clerk