

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

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

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

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: Letter from Rock River township asking Burt Township to consider using some of the ARPA funds towards the electrical work needed at the Alger County Fairgrounds. Email from Michael Romary dated December 9, 2022, regarding the water quality reports and testing procedures for the township water system.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the minutes from the November 15th regular meeting, 4 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: The Eagle Shoreline representatives have completed the shoreline stabilization work at the Coast Guard Point boat dock location and will work up an estimate for a more extensive plan for next summer. We are asking residents to help us name that park, see the postings around town and our facebook and web page to submit your ideas. The Planning commission is putting the finishing touches on the draft of the master plan, watch for more information about the next meetings. Recycling has been moved to behind the community center and the next day scheduled is December 14th, from 9AM till 12.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (1,035,031.39) Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$49,780.20) 4 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next meeting is scheduled for December 19th to review the master plan.

Woodland Park: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to increase the number of reservations sites at Woodland Park for the 2023 season from 36 to 72. 4 ayes. Reservations will be available starting February 1, 2023, at noon. Go to burttownship.com for link to the reservation website.

Sparks Grant Resolution: Elise from Smart Landscapes presented the Sparks Grant application details showing a walk/bike path through the downtown area connecting with the existing trail on coast guard point and out to Ellen Street to the east. Grant application is due December 19th. Motion by Shafer, second by Dongvillo, to approve resolution 2022-12-01, authorizing the submittal of the Spark grant application, with a financial commitment from the township of \$20,000. Roll call vote, 4 ayes (D. Lundquist absent)

Smart Landscapes: Projects still being planned for the shoreline and park development at the Coast Guard Point neighborhood park, possibly a kayak launch out at the point on the property leased from the Army Corp, and hoping to present the Bayshore park DNR grant plans at a public meeting in January. Plans for the greenspace fencing are complete and the work will be done in the spring. Check the website for sponsorship opportunities.

Speed Limit Resolutions: Clerk McShane met with Lt. Lance Cook of the Michigan State Police in early December to further discuss the speed limit issues and our request to see the speed limit reduced throughout town. Three resolutions presented to the board to request Michigan State Police and the Alger County Road Commission to conduct speed studies on county road H-58, from east of Cemetery Rd. through to the National Park entrance. Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to approve resolutions 2022-12-02, 2022-12-03, and 2022-12-04, authorizing speed control studies on H58. Roll call vote, 4 ayes (D. Lundquist absent) We are talking with MDOT and plan on another resolution for a speed study on M-77. These should be conducted in the spring.

Employee Policies: Complete review of our Employee Policies is still underway. Special meeting will be scheduled in the next month and we hope to have a complete package to present for approval at our January meeting.

New Business:

Sine tech – Wifi for community center: Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Shafer, to approve the estimate from Sine Tech LLC for the WiFi upgrade in the community center with a bridge to the pavilion for the east end of the Woodland Park campground, for a total of \$12,606.27. 4 ayes.

Other: Board discussed possibly changing the meeting times for our monthly meetings and making them earlier in the afternoon. Maybe 4 or 5 pm? Looking for input from the community.

Public Comment: Elise Cormier spoke about the EUP citizens advisory council meetings and encouraged people to get involved.

Adjournment: 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted December 20, 2022

Lori McShane, Clerk