

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 -- Community Center, 6:00 PM

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

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

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Approve Minutes: Motion by Shafer, second by L. Lundquist, to approve the minutes from the December 12th regular meeting. 5 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to accept resignation from Jeff Cuthbertson from the Planning Commission effective December 31, 2023. 5 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to accept resignation from Jordan Dobberstein from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective December 31, 2023. 5 ayes.

Supervisor Report: Happy New Year! Recycling will be held on January 17th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Cross Contracting has pretty much completed the work on the bathhouse for now, they will be back in the spring to complete. The Alger County sheriff patrol statistics are included in your packet for review.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$972,715.13) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Shafer to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$16,468.47) 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next Planning commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 30th at 3:00PM to continue to review and discuss the new zoning ordinance. Watch the township Facebook page and website for updates! The discussion on short term rentals was suspended until the board can determine the policy for "grandfathering" in all of the existing short term rental operations. Brief discussion by the board to fully explain the decision needing to be made and it was decided to table for next meeting to give the board time to review. Invoice from Pat Coleman, Zoning ordinance consultant was reviewed, the invoice is for \$6,125.00 and completes payment for the first half of contracted work.

Park Bathhouse /Loan: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt resolution 2024-01-01, authorizing issuance of 2024 capital improvement bonds to pay for the Woodland Park bathhouse construction. Roll Call vote – 5 ayes.

Woodland Park – New Brochure, rates, policies/rules: Motion by Shafer, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the new Woodland Park Campground Brochure and Policy/Rules sheet, including new parameters for penalties of reservation cancellation. 5 ayes. Clerk McShane commented that she agreed with the new policies but was thought the reservation cancellation policy was too strict.

New Business:

Alger County Road Commission – School Forest Rd/Sandy Lane: Our contract with the Alger County Road Commission for summer of 2023, was to gravel/improve portion of School Forest Rd/Sandy Lane. There was a miscommunication from the ACRC that these improvements would mean the road could be plowed through the winter. It has now been determined that further upgrades need to take place before the road can be removed from the seasonal designation and become a year-round plowed road. Cost estimates to complete these upgrades for 0.6 miles of this road would be approximately \$8,100. Board is asking the ACRC to review and give us an estimate on the upgrade of the entire road, and we can decide where this fits in our road improvement schedule.

RDA grant/loan application: Public Meeting - We have submitted an application to Rural Development for upgrades and infrastructure replacement of the water system along Wilson Street and Woodruff. Estimated cost of this project is between \$1,750,000 to \$2,250,000. There were no comments or questions from the public.

Alger County Delinquent Personal Property Write off: Motion by Dongvillo, second by L. Lundquist, to approve the write off delinquent personal property taxes from 2017 and prior in the amount of \$7,998.37 per the Alger County Court judgement. 5 ayes.

Debit Card Name/Label reissue: The township has requested a new debit card from Peoples State Bank. The current and improved procedure with the bank now calls for the debit card to have individuals' names for identification purposes on the cards. Treasurer Dongvillo has suggested two cards, one in the name of clerk, Lori McShane, and one in the name of Deputy Clerk, Heather Dobberstein. Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist to move forward with the replacement cards in the names of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. 5 ayes.

Other: Treasurer Dongvillo reminded the board of the need for a budget review meeting.

Public Comment: Heather Dobberstein spoke representing the Munising Library board notifying everyone that the library board millage renewal would be on the ballot at the February 27th, 2024, election.

Adjournment: 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted January 12, 2024

Lori McShane, Clerk