

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Community Center – 1:00 PM

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the agendas written. 5 ayes

Public Comments: Treasurer Dongvillo made a personal statement regarding the previous meeting and the failure to follow policies. She was remorseful and felt that she should have spoken up in support of the employees and wanted to make it clear that she did not condone the lack of public discussion or the behavior that was to be discussed. Many comments from the public led to discussion about Supervisor Shafer’s use of social media and recording of conversations without consent, the policy violation, and conflicting views on the advice from the township attorney. Supervisor Shafer apologized for the social media post.

New Business:

Alger County Prosecutor, Robert Steinhoff: Mr. Steinhoff was asked to attend our meeting to answer questions regarding the incident from last fall in Woodland Park and law enforcement and prosecutorial decisions. Mr. Steinhoff began by explaining the process of a “no trespass” order and the consequences of violating. The individual that violates the no trespass order can be ticketed and fined. Questions from the board regarding the possibility of criminal charges, content of the police report, and our options going forward. Public comment asking for written statement from our township attorney. Board will follow up with further discussion with the sheriff’s department and our township attorney and will revisit at a future meeting.

Unfinished Business:

2024/25 Fiscal Year Budget Workshop – Elected Officials Salary resolutions if necessary:

The entire requested budget for the 2024/25 fiscal year was reviewed. Projects discussed include employee pay increases, web site upgrade, new brush truck for the fire department, use of Harbor restoration funds for shoreline issue out at the old coast guard boat dock location or for the marina parking area, the ongoing project of building the new park bathhouse, as well as a new cold storage barn for the park, a new small tractor for the park, a topographic survey of the cemetery, new vinyl siding on the Medical center building and the community center as well as new metal siding on the large pole barn. Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the estimate from Kelley Marketing to update the current Burt Township webpage at a cost of \$1,750-\$2,000. 5 ayes.

Other: none

Public Comment: Scott Wieting asked about a regular meeting schedule for the planning commission.

Adjournment: 2:40 PM

Respectfully submitted February 18, 2024

Lori McShane, Clerk