

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, April 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 Lou Lundquist to approve agenda, moving the Superior Watershed presentation up before unfinished business. 5 ayes.

Public Comments: Rod Lowe asked questions about the marina revenue and the early launch fees.

Correspondence: none

Approve Minutes: Motion by Shafer, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the minutes from March 8th special meeting and March 12th regular meeting. 5 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: Marina launch passes are now available to purchase at the township offices. New this year we are charging for the use of the fish cleaning station. Those passes are \$60.00 for the year, \$10.00 for daily use, and \$100.00 for commercial fishermen. Recycling is scheduled for April 17th and this will be last one here by the community center. The containers will be moved to the M77 location and we will return to twice monthly for May. Dog licenses are also available at the township office. Dump days are scheduled for June 14/15. That is the same weekend as the splash in and the Historical society yard sale.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,753,861.48) Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$10,477.51) 5 ayes. Motion by Dongvillo, seconds by McShane, to cash in Fire CD 10215071 for \$67,234.43 as soon as possible to cover payment for the new brush truck. 5 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the yearly \$500.00 donation to the Grand Marais Historical Society. 5 ayes.

Carl Lindquist, Executive director, Superior Watershed partnership and Land Conservatory: Mr. Lindquist spoke to the board and community about grant opportunities for purchase and installation of an electric car charging station. He also handed out information about many other grant opportunities available both to the township and individual citizens. We will post all this information on our website and have copies available at the township office.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next planning commission meeting will be on April 16th. They will be reviewing the complete draft of the new ordinance. They are still working on the maps and the short-term rental section. The board is reviewing the work done so far on the short-term rental section and will discuss at a future meeting.

Woodland Park Bathhouse /Loan: Motion by McShane, second by Liou Lundquist, to approve pay application #9 for \$91,620.00 and #10 for \$85,050.00 to Cross Contracting for the work completed so far on the new bathhouse. 5 ayes.

Motion by Shafer, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the purchase of 10 wooden picnic tables from Superior Hardware at a total cost of \$2699.90. 5 ayes. Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Shafer, to approve the purchase of a Kubota tractor for \$25,891.57 from UP Kubota dealer. 5 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the purchase of 16 trash receptacles from Treetop Products for a total of \$10,321.30. 5 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to authorize Woodland Park manager to enter into a subscription with Ring security for 5 surveillance cameras for the park at a one-time cost of \$1,125 and then \$100/year thereafter. 5 ayes Board discussed possibly offering a discount to campers that are here for the summer working at an establishment in our community. Jack will work on a policy with some options and the board will review at next meeting.

Township Board and Administrative policies: Three policies regarding attorney consult, social media, and recording, were added or updated and distributed to the board at our last meeting. Supervisor asked for a revision on the litigation policy and a complete package will be presented to the board at the next meeting for adoption.

Cemetery Ordinance: Office/Cemetery manager Heather Dobberstein and DPW Mike Beek presented a revised ordinance to the board for review and approval. A formal resolution will be presented at the next meeting for adoption.

New Business:

Airport Hangar Lease: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to authorize Supervisor Shafer to sign the lease for one year rental of the airport hangar to Greg Macomber for a fee of \$400.00. 5 ayes.

Chamber of Commerce – Fireworks Donation: Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Shafer, to approve a \$5,000 donation to the Chamber for the fireworks. 5 ayes. They will be on Friday, July 5th this year.

Superior movies in the park – 2024 season: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to allow the Superior movies in the park to use township facilities for the 2024 summer season. 5 ayes.

Imperial Electric: Motion by Shafer, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the estimate from Imperial Electric to install four separate circuits in the Community center kitchen for \$1900.00. 5 ayes.

Talsma controls: Motion by Shafer, second by Lou Lundquist, to authorize Mike Beek to purchase new UPC battery backups for the water system for no more than \$2,500 from Talma Controls. 5 ayes.

Alger County Workforce housing project discussion: Pam Johnson from the Alger County treasurer's office with Rick Capogrossa, Alger County Commissioner, approached Supervisor Shafer with a project to develop some land for apartments/long term rentals here in Burt Township. They are asking for the township to supply the land, and preliminary discussion was regarding a 5-acre parcel out at M77 and Harju. The board is definitely interested in hearing more about this project, much more information and research is needed.

Other: none

Public Comment: Jay Aeschliman thanked the board for their cooperation with the upcoming Splash In on June 14th and 15th. Toni Whaley spoke on behalf of the chamber and noted that they were working on a way to acknowledge the sponsors of the fireworks.

Adjournment: 7:30 PM