

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, March 4, 2025-- Community Center - 6:00 PM

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Attendance: Jon Babbitt, Lori McShane, Sara Secrest, and Tim Jenkins. (Paul Williams- ZOOM)

Public Comments: none

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

Unfinished Business:

Transient Merchant Ordinance Review: Ordinance #12-2017 which governs food trucks and all other transient merchants was reviewed and discussed. This ordinance needs a complete overhaul, with mention that maybe it could be incorporated into the new zoning ordinance. After review of other municipalities, these regulations are under zoning. The most debated issue is location. Motion by Supervisor Babbitt to table this issue until next meeting on March 11, 2025.

Short Term Rental Ordinance: Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to change the wording in section A – to refer to the yearly policy sheet for fees. 4 ayes. This ordinance also needs much update, but it will be eliminated once the new zoning ordinance is adopted.

New Business: none

2025/26 FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Quick review of the revised requested budget. Overall increase in operating expenses and utilities per economic conditions. Cost of living for the year 2025 was recorded at 2.5%. Many projects to consider include, but are not limited to, donation to the chamber for fireworks, sidewalk replacement, new AED for resident deputy Paul, new turn out gear for four (4) firefighters, new 800 mghz radio for new brush truck, New kubota for DPW/Water, road improvements to Lowder Rd., mobimat walkway and boardwalk enhancements for disabled accessibility, fitness center improvements, bathhouse on the beach reopening, old coast guard boat dock property improvements, greenspace walkway engraving, water rate increases, land use and land split fees increased, and marina improvements (with possible grant application). Additional project added to the budget was an upgrade to the pole barn electric, with additional grant funds coming from Alger Delta.

Other: Supervisor Babbitt announced that we were notified that we were awarded the grant funds from Rural Development to complete the water upgrade project on Woodruff and Wilson Streets. This will be \$2,000,000 – split as 75% grant and 25% loan. Construction will most likely begin summer of 2026 with some engineering work to be completed this summer.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted March 7, 2025

Lori McShane, Clerk