

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – Community Center - 6:00 PM

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Attendance: Lori McShane, Tim Jenkins, and Paul Williams. (absent Jon Babbitt, Sara Secrest) Motion by McShane, second by Williams to elect Tim Jenkins to chair the meeting in Supervisor absence. 3 ayes.

Public Comments: Cathy Egerer reminded everyone about the Community Yard Sale benefiting the Historical Society scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. She also talked about agenda item regarding the scanning and digitizing of records and documents stored at the township office for historical preservation purposes, and for use on the “savewestbay” project. David Wood asked the board to address the “Fletchy’s resort” signage in plain view but in violation of the MDOT rules and encroaching on township signage as well.

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Williams to approve agenda as written. 3 ayes.

Correspondence: Note from Gay Wood regarding the ATV use of the beach at the end of Cemetery Rd. and asking the township to install a guard rail to possible deter this activity. Brief discussion by board members regarding what is considered correspondence that should be distributed to the board. Any correspondence that is requested to be read at a meeting, must be dated and signed. Other than that, any type of electronic correspondence or postal mail can be distributed to the board for informative purposes.

Approve Minutes: Motion by McShane, second by Jenkins, to approve the minutes from the May 13th regular meeting and the May 19th special meeting. 3 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: Supervisor Babbitt apologized for not being able to attend the meeting due to previous family commitments. He would like us to know he is still working on various projects, including the Mobi Mat installation, waiting to hear back from a couple of contractors regarding the deck alterations necessary. Also did get prices from Alger Delta for a couple different options for electric installation at various locations for the food trucks. Trustee Williams did meet with Sebastian paving to discuss the puddling issues at the Marina. There are drainage issues but paving is not feasible due to elevation. Recommends continue to gravel and grade and work with what we have. Recycle day is tomorrow up on M77.

Treasurer’s report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer’s report – (\$1,459,806) Tim Jenkins asked about the BCBS bills and the mining journal subscription and an explanation of the legal invoices. Motion by McShane second by Williams to accept treasurer’s report and approve the bills for payment (\$20,682.80). 3 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next meeting of the planning commission is June 17th. They will be discussing the latest revisions to the zoning ordinance as well as the recreation plan update that is due to be submitted before February 2026. Do they want to work with CUPPAD? Clerk McShane has asked CUPPAD to send an estimate of cost for their assistance.

Transient Merchant Ordinance review: Motion by Jenkins, second by Williams, to extend the current requirement that food trucks can only operate on the property next to the community center with the generator until the end of June. 2 ayes, 1 nay Brief discussion regarding the other types of transient merchants and possible allowing them to set up on the greenspace. Motion by McShane, second by Jenkins, to allow the flower lady to set up at the community center area or the greenspace on June 14th. 3 ayes. Supervisor Babbitt asked for a special meeting to address this Transient Merchant issue. Possibly June 24th once treasurer Secrest returns.

Parking on Bay Hill – elimination plan: Board needs to decide how to proceed – how to control parking on the right of way of Grand Marais Avenue to ensure a clean view of the bay. Possible survey to determine centerline and right of way? Ask ACRC if the road is a county road or township road? Supervisor Babbitt will ask Bob Lindbeck to attend our next meeting.

Mobi mat and deck alterations: Supervisor Babbitt has been in contact with one or two contractors about the deck alterations but has no response. Possible option of just extending the Mobi Mat all the way to the parking lot and not change the deck. Clerk McShane suggests formal bid requests – advertise in the papers and ask for bid submittal by July 10th.

Beach Bathhouse: Park manager and employees are working on this bathhouse – cleaning and painting and hope to have it open and operational soon.

School Forest signage – Rupel letter: Follow up on the letter board received last February asking for additional signage in the school forest regarding snowmobiles and cross-country skiers. Supervisor Babbitt acknowledged that he has talked with the school and possibly they could make the signs in a wood working class. Supervisor will follow up.

Old Coast Guard Boat Dock Property: Board needs to evaluate current condition of the property with the history of erosion and decide how we will move forward. Board decided to assign a deadline of August to have some information on this.

Alleyways: Board has been having discussions on all the alleyways around town, identifying them and encroachment issues. Clerk McShane agreed to contact Coleman Engineering to ask for their help with a mapping project to identify all alleyways.

New Business:

Historical Society – Scanning project: Per Cathy Egerer’s public comment at the beginning of the meeting, board will allow representatives from the historical society and the savewestbay team access to the township’s archives of maps and information about the harbor for scanning and digitizing at no cost.

Sidewalks – quotes – Tamarack: Motion by McShane, second by Jenkins, to accept the quote from Tamarack for sidewalk replacement at a cost of \$33.33 per foot. 3 ayes.

Sparling instruments – main line prop meters: Motion by Jenkins, second by Williams, to accept the quotation from Sparling instruments for replacement of the main line prop meters for the water system at a cost of \$5,900. 3 ayes.

Michigan Township Assoc. – Dues and training: Motion by McShane, second by Williams, to pay the annual dues of \$1,099.29 for MTA membership, and include an additional \$1,900 for an online learning subscription available to all township personnel. 3 ayes.

Affordable housing project: Supervisor Babbitt to follow up and discuss possible affordable housing project on the township property located at M77 and Harju Road, in conjunction with the Alger County Land Bank.

Other: Motion by Jenkins, second by Williams, to send the draft copy of the 25-year lease submitted to us by the Army Corp for the property at coast guard point (fishermen's memorial and parking area to the west) to our township attorney for review. 3 ayes

Public Comment: Toni Whaley spoke about the road closure out east on H58 for the bridge replacement over the sucker river and the condition of the emergency access detour. Rod Lowe inquired about the condition of the posts along the marina wall and when they might be repaired and also commented on the fish cleaning station needing service. Bob Stocking asked about the law enforcement statistics not being included in this month's packet. Jay Aeschliman reminded everyone about the Splash in this weekend and asked the township if we were going to supply porta johns on the greenspace for the event.

Board Comment: none

Adjournment: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted June 18, 2025

Lori McShane, Clerk