

**Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Thursday, March 30, 2023
Community Center, 6:00 PM**

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the agenda as written. 4 ayes

Public Comments: none

Unfinished Business:

Woodland Park New Bathhouse Bids: The township met with representatives from UPEA on Thursday, March 23, 2023, to open the sealed bids received for the new bathhouse building for the west end of Woodland Park Campground. We received three (3) bids as follows: Dexco, Cedar Rapids, MI - \$789,800. Meridian – Alpena, MI - \$729,450 Cross Contracting Munising, MI - \$675,936. Board discussion on budget amendments that will need to be made to accommodate the higher than anticipated costs. Board agreed to finance approximately \$600,000 and pay the rest from park fund. Letter read from UPEA Chris Holmes recommending Cross General Contracting. **Motion by Shafer, second by Deb Lundquist, to award the project to Cross Contracting out of Munising, MI, for a cost of \$675,936. 4 ayes.**

DNR Surplus Land-Rifle Range lot: We received correspondence from the DNR offering the property to Burt Township for \$32,000. Clerk McShane checked with our auditor to understand what funds could be used for the purchase. We could pay for this land from the general fund, or pass a resolution establishing this acreage as dedicated to recreational use, and pay with the park funds. Park budget is already tight with the new bathhouse construction. More investigation needed to secure funding. The current lease we have with the DNR for the use of the land for the rifle range is not binding, according to correspondence from our township counsel Steve Tinti. He reviewed and confirmed that the lease could be terminated at any time by the DNR. If we do not purchase the property, it may go out for surplus disposal by the DNR and be sold at auction. The rifle range could be reconstructed on another township property, but the tradition of this longstanding rifle range area should be considered. Tabled until next meeting – April 11, 2023.

Resolution 2023-03-01 – Establishing Water rates: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt resolution 2023-03-01, which will increase the monthly water rates by 4.35% effective April 1, 2023. Standard base water rates for a ¾ inch supply line will now be increased from \$46.00 to \$48.00. Metered usage rate will not change. We must raise the water rates to keep up with cost-of-living increases.

Master Plan status update: Lou Lundquist reports that at the March 23, 2023, planning commission meeting the master plan was not approved and more edits/changes will be discussed at their next meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. This master plan was developed to be a tool to guide the township boards for the years to come and offer a basis on which the zoning ordinance will be revised. Much discussion regarding affordable housing, sewer, and other projects.

New Business: none

Other:

Public Comment:

Adjournment: 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted March 31, 2023

Lori McShane, Clerk