

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Tuesday, July 11, 2023 -- Community Center, 6:00 PM**

**DRAFT - REVISED**

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

**Agenda:** Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda with the addition of Eagle Shoreline quote as new business item D. 5 ayes.

**Public Comments:** Margaret Tomkins, longtime camper at woodland park, spoke about issues that would affect the campers if we were to go with all reservations. She also mentioned the policy of not renting a campsite if the person to be camping is not present, and the two-week maximum for paying. Toni Whaley is concerned about all of the driftwood structures popping up on the beaches lately, especially the one at the end of cemetery rd. as it has gotten quite large with a flag pole on top. Asked the board about liability and mentioned it obstructed the view in many places.

**Correspondence:** Letter was read from Jo Klaczyk regarding the usage on her water bill for May, she is challenging the accuracy of the meter reading, pending further investigation. Letter from CUPPAD, detailing reasons for the increase in the amount invoiced for the completion of the master plan. The contract was for \$10,000, but they are requesting a payment of \$15,000, due to the number of hours needed to put the plan together. Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Deb Lundquist, to authorize payment of \$15,000. 5 ayes.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by D. Lundquist, to approve the minutes from the June 13th regular meeting. 5 ayes.

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

**Appointments/Resignations:** We received five letters of interest for the open seat on the Planning Commission. Richard Williamson, Tim Jenkins, Walt Mixon, Rod Lowe, and Molly Reddish. Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to appoint Walt Mixon to the planning commission effective immediately. 4 ayes 1 nay

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor had a recent conversation with Bob Lindbeck regarding the cost of paving Wilson and Woodruff Streets. Recycling is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 up on M77. Matt Waldron from the Alger County Sheriff has provided the statistics for the road patrol for May and June. Supervisor is working with Alger Electric, Imperial Electric and Brett Niemi from WPPI energy to get grant money to install a generator at the community center. And lastly, the two-day celebration on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July was awesome! Good job to the chamber and all who helped make it a success!

**Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer's report – (\$1,309,790.19) Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$66,251.49) 5 ayes. Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to approve the emergency arborist work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the park, and to pay the invoice for Climb and cut for \$1,350.00. 5 ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Planning Commission:** Planning commission meeting – July 27th – Zoning Ordinance workshop.

**Verizon Wireless Lease interest** – Burt Twp. Community Center Property – Pete Schau from Verizon was present to answer questions from the board and the community about the wireless tower they would like to construct here in the area behind the community center. The pole would be 100 ft tall and would improve Verizon service here in the downtown area. They would pay the township \$800 per month initial rent once construction has started. Lou Lundquist questioned the amount of the lease agreement and will research other communities' arrangements. They are asking for a 40' X 75' area. No action taken, need more investigation to assure the overall picturesque atmosphere of the downtown area is not changed with a cell tower, the actual size and location to be staked out, and the financial terms agreed upon, before any decision is made.

**RDA Application** – We have an application with Rural Development for the final stage of the water system replacement which was started back before 2010. This application has been in a holding status at RDA since 2021, due to Covid/short staff/retirements etc. The repair and repaving of Wilson Street has been on hold waiting for this application to be approved. After discussion with UPEA and RDA, and the condition of Wilson Street, it is recommended we do not wait as this application and following construction will not likely happen until 2025 at the earliest. Supervisor Shafer will talk with ACRC and get a current price for the repairs and repaving of Wilson Street and Woodruff and bring the contract to the board for approval. We hope to get the road work scheduled for summer of 2024.

**New Business:**

**Woodland Park Policies/Complaints:** We have received some written complaints from campers regarding some of our recent policy changes and the park managers enforcement. Specifically, the two-week maximum pay policy and the not allowing someone to rent a campsite for another party that has not arrived yet. Also, campers are concerned that the current park manager wants to move to all reservations, and eliminate the first come first serve sites. Clerk and treasurer will review all the policies and make changes if necessary, and will bring the revised brochure to the board for approval.

**Payment Application #1 – Woodland Park Shower Bldg – Cross Contracting:** Motion by Mcshane, second by Lundquist, to approve the first payment of \$21,330.00 to Cross Mfg. for the construction of the Woodland Park west end bathhouse this fall. This first payment is requested to lock in prices and make deposits with subcontractors. 5 ayes.

**Resolution 2023-07-01/02 - Approve Ballot Language – Improvement/Harbor:** The township improvement and Harbor restoration millages have expired. Clerk McShane is requesting approval of the ballot language to place the renewal question on the November ballot. Motion by L. Lundquist, second by Shafer, to adopt resolution 2023-07-02, and approve the ballot language and place the renewal of the Harbor restoration on the November ballot. 5 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to adopt resolution 2023-07-01, and approve the ballot language and place the renewal of the township improvement millage on the November ballot. 5 ayes.

**Eagle Shoreline Quote:** Received a quote from Eagle Shoreline to clean up the area where the old coast guard boat dock is and remove all the debris. Motion by Shafer, second by D. Lundquist, to approve the cost estimate from Eagle Shoreline for 17,985.00. 5 ayes.

**Other:** Clerk McShane mentioned that the project out at the point at the North Shore lodge location has been cancelled. The investors have withdrawn the offer to purchase the property and no longer are applying for Class A nonconforming use. Clerk also mentioned a new network backup storage plan provided by Teck Solutions that would cost about \$1,300 per year. Formal quote will be presented at next meeting.

**Public Comment:** Community members thanked the board for the pickle ball set up at the park. Tom Cleary presented the board with a \$600.00 check as a donation for the fish cleaning station expenses. Jenny Irvine asked if there was an update on the status of the bathhouse on the beach. Supervisor Shafer stated that the contractor had reviewed and she was waiting for more information.

**Adjournment:** 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted July 17, 2023

Lori McShane, Clerk