

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**  
**Community Center, 6:00 PM**

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

**Agenda:** Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda with the addition of Fire Dex quote for turn out gear as new business item d. 4 ayes.

**Public Comments:** Jen Figler introduced herself as an aide to Jenn Hill our representative in Lansing, and said she was available and had an office in Gwinn, contact her @ 906-251-8699 if you want to discuss any issue. Rod Lowe commented on the 100% increase in the cost of pump outs at the marina. They went from \$10 to \$20 for the 2023 season.

**Correspondence:** The board received thank you notes from both the Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Club Beautification committee for the donations.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by L. Lundquist, to approve the minutes from the May 9th regular meeting and the May 24<sup>th</sup> special meeting. 4 ayes.

**Department and Committee Reports:** Reports were available from the Assessor, DPW & Water, Park and Library. Noted the 2022 water quality report is completed and printed in the paper and on our website.

**Appointments/Resignations:** none

**Supervisor Report:** Thank you to all who participated in the Memorial Day festivities. Eagle Shoreline director had some health issues but is still planning on giving us a quote to clean up the old coast guard boat dock area. The two (2) floating docks located out at the boat dock area are up for disposal. If you are interested, contact the township and make an offer. Fireworks are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July this year along with the street dance, and parade and all other activities on the 4<sup>th</sup>. This year it is a two-day festival! Alger County "E-WASTE and FREON APPLIANCE collection June 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM and June 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Munising High School. Dump days and yard sale this weekend here in Grand Marais as well as the splash in!

**Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer's report – (\$1,326,790.34) Motion by Dongvillo, second by L. Lundquist to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$91,205.19) 4 ayes. Bills include \$24,065.86 for dust control and \$4,940 to Tri County septic. Also noted the increase for Alger Delta effective July 1.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Planning Commission:** Planning commission meeting – June 15<sup>th</sup> – Zoning Ordinance kickoff. Now that the master plan has been completed, we are moving on to the zoning ordinance rewrite. We have contracted Pat Coleman of North of 45 consulting to assist us and this will be his first meeting. Come learn how the process will work and have your voices heard.

**New Business:**

**Alger County Conservation – Invasive Species – Award for Kelcie Lundquist:** Elise Desjarlais, Coordinator of Lake-to-Lake cooperative Invasive Species management area, was present and made a presentation about invasive species in and around Alger County. Kelcie Lundquist had identified some and notified the necessary organizations and was being honored for her due diligence.

**Verizon Tower location/lease:** The board has been contacted by Verizon about a location here in town around the community center for a 100 ft cell tower to improve service on this side of the hill. They are offering \$800/month as a lease for a 40'x75' spot for the tower. The board and the community members present had lots of questions and comments, and the board decided to pursue the idea and gather additional information.

**Fencing – Chamber of Commerce request:** The chamber of commerce has asked the board for permission to install a 4ft gate on the north west corner of the ball field for the septic hauler to access the portable toilets during festival. They will pay for installation and materials. Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to allow the gate installation at the northwest corner of the ballfield at the chamber expense. 4 ayes.

**Fire Dex quote – Turn out gear:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by L. Lundquist, to approve the purchase of one set of turnout gear (Firedex custom FXR 71) for a cost of \$3,584.00. 4 ayes.

**Other:** Clerk McShane updated status of projects – Pump solutions is done with the replacement of the pumps and electrical boards in the park. Sine tech has completed the WiFi bridge to the east end pavilion and are working on a quote for the west end. The greenspace fencing has been delayed but will be installed this summer. We are actively seeking quotes for the siding replacement on the medical center, community center, and pole barn as well as the roof of the pole barn. It will be advertised for bids. Kick off meeting in early August for the new bathhouse in the campground.

**Public Comment:** Karla Bowen asked about possible grant funds recently promoted by MTA, for the fire department. Linda Steinke asked about the status of the bathhouse on the beach. Supervisor Shafer replied she is still waiting for feedback. Community member asked about the mobile sauna. They will be here in town set up by the fishermen's memorial out on the point this weekend – June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted June 15, 2023

Lori McShane, Clerk