

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 -- Community Center, 6:00 PM

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist to approve agenda as written. 5 ayes.

Public Comments: Kathy Jenkins spoke on behalf of the Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce and thanked the board for the generous donation to the fireworks this year. She also mentioned that there are copies available of the calendar of events for this summer – highlighting the Splash in on June 15th and the music festival in August.

Correspondence: Letter dated April 27,2024 from the beautification committee asking the board for a donation towards the purchase of flowers for the various planters around town. Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the budgeted for donation of \$750, to the Women’s club beautification committee this year. 5 ayes. Letter from Kelly Cleary pleading with the board to fix Wilson Street!

Approve Minutes: Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the minutes from April 9th regular meeting and the April 19th special meeting. 5 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: Recycling has been moved up to the M77 location for the summer – we will now be collecting the recycling two days a month – the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Dog Licenses are available at the township offices and Dump days are scheduled for June 14/15 from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM. The new bathhouse at Woodland Park is coming along nicely – the floor is now in just some electrical work, and cement work and landscaping needed to finish. Burt Township will host the regional government meeting here at the community center in September.

Treasurer’s report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer’s report – (\$1,602,3825.67) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist to accept treasurer’s report and approve the bills for payment. (\$20,567.39) 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next planning commission meeting will be on May 21st. They are still reviewing the complete draft of the new ordinance. They are still working on the maps.

Woodland Park Bathhouse /Loan: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve pay application #11 for \$68,310.00 to Cross Contracting for the work completed so far on the new bathhouse. 5 ayes.

Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to approve the proposed policy of a discount for workers at the local businesses here in Grand Marais. 50% off, no prime lakefront sites. 5 ayes. Jack will present the complete policy to be approved at a special meeting shortly, but can start to accept campers at the discounted rate.

Motion by Dongvillo, second by Shafer, to approve the change order number 002 for the Woodland Park bathhouse, adding sidewalks on both sides of the building, at 6” thick, by 6’ wide, at a cost of \$11,708.00. 5 ayes.

Township Board and Administrative policies: Three policies regarding attorney consult, social media, and recording of conversations in the workplace, were added or updated and distributed to the board. Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane, to adopt the revised Board and Admin policies, superseding all previous versions. 5 ayes.

Cemetery Ordinance: Office/Cemetery manager Heather Dobberstein and DPW Mike Beek presented a revised ordinance to the board for review and approval. Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to adopt resolution 2024-05-04, approving the Ordinance 2024-001, governing the operation, control, and management of the cemetery. Roll Call Vote – 5 ayes.

New Business:

Resolutions to approve ballot language: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt resolution 2024-05-01, approving the ballot language for the additional law enforcement millage renewal to be placed on the August ballot. Roll Call vote – 5 ayes. Motion by Dongvillo, second by Shafer to adopt resolution 2024-05-02, approving the ballot language for the additional general operating millage renewal to be placed on the August ballot. Roll call vote -0 5 ayes.

Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist, to adopt resolution 2024-05-03, approving the ballot language for the ambulance service millage renewal to be placed on the August ballot; Roll call vote - 5 ayes.

Peninsula Surveying – Edward Street beach access: Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Shafer, to accept the quote from Peninsula Surveying, to survey the Edward Street beach access, along with a 16’ easement from the neighboring property, and to pay for this from the beach access fund at \$4,780.00. 5 ayes.

Green Space fencing: Manistique Tree and fence has gone out of business. We had given them a \$5,500 deposit for the fencing around the greenspace. They have agreed to give us all the materials and we have an estimate from Marquette Fence to install. Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the estimate from Marquette Fence for \$9,270.00. 5 ayes.

Alger County – State requirements – County designated assessor: More information to come. All the townships in Alger County have to have a procedure in case the local assessor fails the AMAR review.

Other: Todd Britton from Meridian Contracting was in town for some final measurements and discussion regarding the community center, pole barn and medical center projects this summer. He hopes to begin in mid-June. He also discussed a new pole barn for Woodland Park cold storage and will give us an estimate.

Public Comment: Walt Mixon asked about the Short-Term rentals and why the board has not made a decision on how to handle the existing rentals when the new zoning ordinance is approved. Tom Cleary commented that he did not like the food truck parked at the end of Carlson Street on the bay.

Adjournment: 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted May 17, 2024

Lori McShane, Clerk