

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – Community Center, 6:00 PM**

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

**Agenda:** Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist to approve agenda with the addition of the Civil infraction ordinance and the Meridian pole barn quote. 5 ayes.

**Public Comments:** Pat Grasser asked if the lines where M77 ends and Coast Guard point curves could be repainted for safety reasons. She also inquired about the chip and spray repair the county was doing on H58, as well as short term rentals and the zoning ordinance. Bob Stocking asked about the launch fees and fish cleaning fees, and where the money was coming from to cover the shortfall in the Marina fund, (the park), and asked if we were still charging a surcharge to the campers for additional law enforcement money, (no). Rod Lowe asked who paid for the outhouses around town, (the park). Al Larsen suggested adding an auger to the fish cleaning station, to eliminate the excess water needed for flushing.

**Correspondence:** Letter received on May 15, 2024, signed by many concerned citizens about the streetlight at the corner of H58 and Harbor Street. Email dated May 28, 2024 from Ronda Whaley asking for use of the medical center on a monthly basis for massage therapy. Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to allow Ms. Whaley to use the medical center at no charge for the first year to ascertain the business.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Dongvillo, second by Shafer, to approve the minutes from May 14th regular meeting. 5 ayes.

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

**Appointments/Resignations:** We are in need of two members for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Please contact the township office for more information if you are interested.

**Supervisor Report:** Recycling is scheduled two days a month – the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. This month is June 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Dog Licenses are available at the township offices. Take note – June 18<sup>th</sup> Alger Delta has announced a power outage from 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM. Dump days are scheduled for this weekend June 14/15 from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM, as well as the Splash In and the community garage sale and the Broadway review at the school. A very busy weekend. 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 – (\$1,420,906.38) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$77,970.65) 5 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to approve the invoice from 77 Redi mix for \$1,200 – grading the marina parking lot. 5 ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Planning Commission:** Next planning commission meeting will be on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. They will be doing a final review of the proposed zoning ordinance and scheduling the public hearing. The planning commission has recommended the board review and adopt a civil infraction ordinance which gives the township the power to penalize offenders of our ordinances. Copies of the boiler plate ordinance were distributed for board review and further discussion. Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt resolution 2024-06-01, adding the Coastal Resiliency chapter as an amendment to the 2023 Master Plan. Roll Call vote – 5 ayes.

**Alger County – state requirements – County designated assessor:** Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to vote in favor of the county pursuing the designated assessor option. 5 ayes.

**Woodland Park:** Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Deb Lundquist, to NOT pay the requested pay app #12 for \$94,543.10 to Cross Contracting. 5 ayes. This would be the final payment and the board is looking for additional information from Cross Contracting before approving. (window screens, shower temps, etc). Quote was received from Meridian Contracting for a cold storage pole barn to be built behind the community center for the park. Consensus is that we would like to look at a few more bids before making a decision.

**Ellen Street Beach Access survey:** The survey was completed last week and the stakes are planted. Board was encouraged to go look at the stakes and try to understand the scope of a project to make a new path/boardwalk through there to access the township beach property. The current path that has been in use is clearly NOT on township property and will be blocked off. The brush hog will be used to make a new path for the interim use.

**New Business:**

**UPEA:** Wilson Street water project is still in progress, and UPEA will plan on being around town later this summer doing some surveying and sampling to be ready with the complete project specifications, in hopes that we see some funding options in later August. The Wellhead protection project that was completed in 2016 needs to be reviewed and updated. We are looking for a team of community members willing to volunteer to participate on the team. The current report is available on our website, so please review and let the township know if you are interested. We have asked UPEA to assign a representative to come discuss Marina upgrades. We have poles along the wall that are in need of repair, and are looking for a better way to manage these. We will also ask about finger docks and the feasibility in our location. UPEA has given us instructions and we will be taking the soil samples from the airport property for testing to see if it qualifies as an area to be used for spreading of the fish waste from the fish cleaning station as fertilizer. If this can be approved, it will save us money on the pump outs. UPEA has also provided us with a topographic survey of the cemetery. The software we utilize here needs this survey to be in a different format – and UPEA has agreed to convert and supply this for us as well.

**Other:** Marquette fence will be here on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to start the installation of the fence on the green space. Meridian will be here in late June/early July to start work on the community center/pole barn and medical center projects.

**Please check out our new website!** Heather has worked hard along with Kelly Marketing and made some major improvements! Check it out and give us your feedback! Reminder – all seats on the township board are up for election this year! Also, we have 5 seats on the school board up for election as well! Contact the township office if you are interested in running! The deadline for turning in your paperwork is July 18<sup>th</sup> for the township board and July 23<sup>rd</sup> for the school board. We will have two elections this year, the primary in August and the general election in November. We are in need of Election inspectors to work the election. We have training scheduled for July 17, 19, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please check the website and the local paper for details.

**Public Comment:** Bob Stocking asked if we had a police log – it was not included in the package this month. Jon Babbitt thanked Heather for all her great work here in the township office. Jon Babbitt also talked about sheriff deputy Nick Paul and himself patrolling the area where the planes are this weekend to prevent vandalism.

**Adjournment:** 7:40 PM