

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board

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Tuesday, July 9, 2024 -- Community Center, 6:00 PM

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

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

Public Comments: Jamie and Lois Fite, Judy Kaye, Cheryl Laetsch, Jen Archibald, and others spoke on the horrible conditions of Woodruff Street after the most recent rainstorm. Complaints of tar and gravel coming down the hill and ruining landscaping and the force of the flow undercutting the road itself and causing a hazard. The Township agreed to contact the ACRC and ask about the maintenance on the road – until we can get the water project scheduled and the road paved. Board agreed to invite Bob Lindbeck from the ACRC to the next meeting.

Correspondence: Email from Lois and Jamie Fite, and another from Joetta Schlabach regarding Woodruff Street. Letter from Michael and Cherie Polite about the ditches in front of their house on Everett Street. Letter from Donn and Mary Davidson regarding bay access and ditch maintenance. And lastly, a note from Janet Siegwart regarding the lines on the road as M77 turns to Coast Guard Point.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Shafer, second by Deb Lundquist to approve the minutes from June 11th regular meeting and the June 25th special meeting. 5 ayes.

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

Appointments/Resignations: We are still 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday. This month is July 10th & 24th. Dog Licenses are available at the township offices. DNR Forest Service has a relay race scheduled for July 18th. ACRC has contracted to have the lines on M77 repainted as it turns into Coast Guard Point Rd. The Board of Review meets on July 16th for a brief organizational meeting to correct clerical errors, not to hear protests.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,363,485.44) Motion by Dongvillo, second by McShane to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment. (\$35,969.69) 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next planning commission meeting will be on Thursday, July 18th, at 6:30 PM. They will be doing a final review of the proposed zoning ordinance and could schedule the public hearing. Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Sheri Shafer, to lift the moratorium on registration of short-term rentals and allow up to a total of 125 short term rentals to be registered. This registration period will commence on August 1, 2024 and will be closed on September 15, 2024. The new registration fee will be \$500 per year. 3 ayes, 2 nays (McShane/Dongvillo)

Civil Infraction Ordinance: Board is currently waiting on input from township counsel, Steve Tinti. We hope to conference with Mr. Tinti week of July 22nd.

Rhody Creek Truck Trail Closure: Board is currently waiting on a statement from township counsel.

Woodland Park Pole Barn: We have received a bid from Meridian and M77 Excavating, but there are some differences. We are still waiting on Cleary construction to submit an estimate. We will contact Meridian and Cleary to update the bids to match the one from M77 and re-evaluate at next meeting.

New Business:

Poverty Guidelines: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to adopt resolution 2024-07-01, establishing poverty exemption guidelines. Roll call vote – 5 ayes.

Alger County Road Commission – Line painting: Motion by McShane, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve up to \$600 to be spent on the repainting of the lines at the end of M77 turning into Coast Guard Point. 5 ayes. The total cost is estimated at \$1,200 and will be split with the ACRC.

Ellen Street Beach Access Property – Khabir proposal: Property owner Khabir, at the end of Ellen Street, has submitted a proposal to the township to sell two bay waterfront lots to the township for approximately \$500,000, on a interest free land contract, in return for giving him additional footage in front of his home and the township must never develop the land as long as Dr. Khabir shall live. Further investigation and discussion is needed. We will contact EGLE for a possible site evaluation.

Other: The fencing around the greenspace and the pickle barrel was not completed due to materials shortage. The company we purchased it from is out of business. We will try and find another distributor in the area and work with the Historical society to get the whole project completed including the fencing behind the post office museum as well. Meridian is scheduled to be here before the end of the month to start the residing projects. All seats on the township board are up for election in November. Please contact the township office if you are interested or need an absentee ballot for the August or November elections.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted July 18, 2024

Lori McShane, Clerk