

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Thursday, July 25, 2024
Community Center – 11:00 AM

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the agenda as written. 4 ayes

Public Comments: David Turton commented on the recent painting of the lines where M77 ends and it curves into Coast Guard Point Rd. He suggested a sign with an arrow directing through traffic on the sign post and that it should replace the Fletchy's sign. Lois Fite spoke about her disappointment in the lack of follow up and attention to the issue on Woodruff and her driveway by the Alger County Road Commission and she encouraged the board to support their position and help with a county response.

Unfinished Business:

Woodland Park Pole Barn Bid: Motion by Shafer, second by McShane, to accept the bid from Cleary Building Corp out of Escanaba for \$73,580. 3 ayes/1 nay (Lou Lundquist)

Short Term rentals: At the last regular board meeting a motion was made to lift the moratorium on short term rental registrations effective August 1, and to raise the registration fee to \$500. Upon further investigation, it is noted that the \$100 registration fee is clearly spelled out in the short-term rental ordinance, so in order to increase that fee, the ordinance would have to be revised. The process to revise the ordinance and publish, would make the effective date at the end of August. Also, we need to discuss how those additional funds would be spent in order to justify the increase. Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by McShane, to remove the closing date of September 15th, and leave open all registrations until we meet the maximum number allowed of 125. 4 ayes. Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Shafer, to revise the short-term rental ordinance, to increase the fee to \$500 and remove the penalty for operating without a registration, 2 ayes, 2 nays. Motion does not pass.

New Business:

First quarter fiscal year 2024/25 budget review: Budget reviewed with activity through June 30th.

Greenspace Sign: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to accept the quote from Signs Now for \$3,833.17 for the greenspace dedication sign to be placed at the gazebo. 4 ayes. We are still pursuing the "dedicated" walkway and installation of the donated benches and picnic tables.

Other: none

Public Comment: Bill Egerer asked the township to review the bidding process so we do not have the same problems as with the pole barn. We need to involve engineers and architects to write spec sheets and have sealed bids.

Adjournment: 12:40 PM

Respectfully submitted July 30, 2024

Lori McShane, Clerk