

**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2024 -- Community Center, 6:00 PM**

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**Attendance:** Sheri Shafer, Lou Lundquist and Deb Lundquist. Absent – Tara Dongvillo, Lori Mcshane

**Public Comments:** Jessica Flynn expressed her distaste regarding her business being located downwind of smelly port-a-johns. Lois Fite spoke about condition of Woodruff Street. Cheryl Strange-Leach asked to move Bob Lindbeck up on the agenda.

**Agenda:** Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Deb Lundquist to approve agenda with the change to move Bob Lindbeck under Unfinished Business Item A. 3 ayes

**Correspondence:** None.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Deb Lundquist to approve the minutes from July 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the July 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting. 3 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 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 August 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Burt Township passed AMAR audit from our assessor – congratulations to Derek Morrison, he’s doing a great job. The lines are painted on Coast Guard point and an arrow sign has been placed. Sable Light Station is hosting their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary; the lighthouse will be open August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-4PM. Short-Term rental registration opening went well, we currently have 86 registered. An EMT class will begin in Munising on October 10<sup>th</sup> – Burt Township will cover cost of the class and mileage.

**Treasurer’s report and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer’s report – (\$1,364,123.41) Motion by Deb Lundquist, second by Lou Lundquist to accept treasurer’s report and approve the bills for payment (60,046.76). 3 ayes.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Bob Lindbeck- Woodruff Street:** Bob Lindbeck from the Alger County Road Commission was present to discuss recent issues on Woodruff Street and the schedule for maintenance and repairs and the compete repaving of Woodruff and Wilson. ACRC recognized the erosion problems and recommended the township put this project on the road improvement schedule, which is set every four or five years. The township and the ACRC split the costs of the improvements with the township paying for all paving. There is a plan and the funds in place for the paving of Woodruff and Wilson Street, we are just waiting for the water main replacement project to be approved by Rural Development. We do not want to spend taxpayers’ dollars to pave these roads and then tear them up within the next year to upgrade the water system. We are trying to coordinate to get the best value for your taxpayers’ dollars. Supervisor Shafer will advise who can be contacted for expedition of this grant application. Other community members asked about ditch maintenance on Wilson St., Ridge Rd., and Airport Rd. and Mr. Lindbeck will investigate and reply.

**Planning Commission:** Next planning commission meeting will be on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. They will prepare for the public hearing which takes place Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Copies of the draft new zoning ordinance are available at the township office or on our website – burttownship.com. Email office@burttownship.com with comments.

**Civil Infraction Ordinance:** The township received input from counsel, Steve Tinti. Clerk McShane is working on final document to bring to the board.

**Rhody Creek Truck Trail Closure:** Steve Tinti, township counsel, says there is nothing we can do legally to keep the road open. It would be a costly battle, with an expected loss, if pursued. Charlie Salenbien, owner of neighboring property, claimed the closure of this road has made access to his cabin difficult. He questioned if the township could do anything here. The supervisor explained Alger County EMS and Burt Township Fire Department have been provided with a key to the gate in case of emergency.

**Ellen Street Beach Access Property:** EGLE will meet with Lou Lundquist, Sheri Shafer, and Michael Beek on location, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion will take place to determine what can and cannot be done with this property.

**New Business:**

**New Food Truck Application – Community Center:** Perry Bennett applied for a transient merchant application for a food truck and wrote a letter to the board requesting to park at the community center. Jessica Flynn expressed concern about how the Fired-Up food truck pays for electricity on the bay and asked about the process in which someone applies and the fee associated with application. Flynn continued to question how food trucks benefit the community and why fees are not charged to Grand Marais residents. David Turton spoke in favor of charging Grand Marais residents, who operate as transient merchants, to pay for the space they use. Cathy Egerer suggested the township board revise the ordinance; she drew parallels between transient merchants and rental of the community center. Grand Marais residents can use the community center for free, if it is a not-for-profit event. Nonresidents and for-profit usage require payment. Mark Johnstone suggested the town move towards a food court idea and keep vehicles off the bay and preserve the view. Various members of the public expressed concerns about approving the food truck with two absent board members.

Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Deb Lundquist, to approve the food truck application for Perry Bennet– 3 ayes.

**Woodland Park Garage Door:** Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Sheri Shafer, to approve the estimate from Hunter Garage Doors for \$1,988.38– 3 ayes.

**Other:** Meridian should be starting project this week for pole barn, community center, and medical center siding/roof.

**Public Comment:** Walt Mixon asked if the Meridian project just mentioned under “other” is the same project discussed at the last meeting, where the board was seeking quotes. The board explained no, they are seeking quotes for a woodland park pole barn and the meridian project has been in the works for some time. Cathy Egerer spoke on the flexibility of EMS crew and encouraged anyone who may be interested to reach out to her with questions. Bill Egerer expressed how joining the core could be a hobby for someone and explained how it’s not just for young people. He also expressed the need for ambulance drivers. Rod Lowe asked the township board if a letter was received from the planning commission about the Kahbir property and suggested possibly making a counteroffer.

**Adjournment:** 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted August 16, 2024

Heather Dobberstein, Deputy Clerk