

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 -- Community Center, 6:00 PM

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

Public Comments: Kelly Cleary spoke about the Wine tasting event coming up on the greenspace on September 20th and had tickets for sale. Shawn Larson reminded us to unlock the back door before/during meetings for handicap accessibility.

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo to approve agenda with the addition of Burky's excavating sidewalk invoices under unfinished business item H. 4 ayes.

Correspondence: Letter from Devin Lawrence and Grand Marais Christian Church regarding the property on Brazel street and the alley access behind. Email from Tisha Panter requesting the township look into the Alger Delta proposal for shades on the streetlights to enhance the night sky throughout town.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Shafer, second by Lou Lundquist to approve the minutes from August 13th regular meeting and the August 21st special meeting. 4 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. Motion buy McShane, second by Shafer to appoint Tom Cleary to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 4 ayes.

Supervisor Report: Recycling is scheduled two days a month – the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. This month is September 11th and 25th. The DNR is having an open to the public meeting regarding the work on the culvert out east on H58 and the efforts to curtail the sea lamprey, on September 25th at 6:00 PM here at the community center. The Altran bus goes from Grand Marais to Marquette on the first Wednesday of every month. This ride is free to Grand Marais residents. Please contact Richard Miller if you would like to ride. Community members have asked about someone to contact regarding the grant funding for the water project and the eventual paving and repair of Wilson Street and we have information for you showing contact details for our state representatives and specifically Jen Hill.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,359,342.88) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Lou Lundquist to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment (32,325.82). 4 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: Next planning commission meeting will be on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 PM. They will be discussing the public comments received at the public hearing and continued review of the new zoning ordinance. 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 board has reviewed the draft civil infraction ordinance that was recommended by the planning commission and also discussed with township attorney. This ordinance goes hand in hand with the new zoning ordinance and should be reviewed, revised, and presented for possible adoption at the same time as the new zoning ordinance.

Ellen Street Beach Access property – EGLE provided a report on the Ellen Street property that details the permits needed for any construction of a boardwalk to the beach at this location. It would be costly for the township. At this time, we will continue to clear a walking path for access. With regards to the property that was offered for sale, there was some discussion of counter offers and possible grant opportunities to help acquire these lots, due to the fact that is currently unaffordable within the current budget to purchase at the asking price.

Meridian Projects Update: The pole barn siding and doors have all been replaced and they are currently working on the roof. We asked Dressler Mechanical Contractors to come out and give us an estimate to replace the community center kitchen exhaust system while we have the Meridian crew here to facilitate this work. Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the cost proposal from Dressler at \$29,550.00. 4 ayes.

Woodland Park – New pole Barn: We are working with Cleary Construction out of Escanaba to build a pole barn on the east side the community center property for storage for the park. Representative from Cleary was at the site location and advised that if we prep the area, they can build the pole building in the winter months. This works better for the park budget and the pole barn construction has been tentatively scheduled for March, 2025.

Greenspace Quote – Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by Shafer, to approve the quote from B&L Concrete for a stamped walkway through the greenspace at a cost of \$19,300. 4 ayes.

Municipal Underwriters Insurance: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo, to approve the invoice from Municipal Underwriters for Township Liability Insurance for the 2024-2025 year for \$49,053. 4 ayes.

Burky's Excavating: Motion by McShane, second by Shafer, to approve the invoice from Burky's excavating for 700 feet of sidewalk at a cost of \$19,950. 4 ayes.

New Business:

School Outfitters: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the purchase of two replacement slides for the Woodland park play area at a cost of \$3,092.38. 4 ayes.

TV for Ambulance training room: Motion by McShane, second by Lou Lundquist, to approve the purchase of a 65" smart tv for the Ambulance training center along with the appropriate wall mount, and at cost of no more than \$1,200. 4 ayes.

Air Conditioning Unit for Medical Center: Motion by Lou Lundquist, second by McShane, to purchase an air conditioning unit from Superior Hardware for \$500 for the medical center. 4 ayes.

Tech Solutions: We have quotes from Teck Solutions for a new network server for the township office as well as new computers and a phone system. More research is needed.

Public Comment: Bill Egerer suggested fundraising for the cost of the play area in the Woodland Park as the board did before for the playground on the bay. Cathy and Bill Egerer commented on the Meet the candidate's forum that was held on September 4th and suggested the township put a link on our website for people to view.

Adjournment: 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted September 17, 2024

Lori McShane, Clerk