

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, November 12, 2024-- Community Center - 6:00 PM

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

Public Comments: none

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Dongvillo to approve agenda with the addition of new fire truck financing under old business item F. 5 ayes.

Correspondence: Letter from Ed and Barbara Wisniewski complimenting the township on the amazing experience they had while staying at Woodland Park Campground this fall.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Lou Lundquist second by Dongvillo, to approve the minutes from October 8th regular meeting, and the October 15th 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 members for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Review. Please contact the township office for more information if you are interested.

Supervisor Report: There will be a tree lighting ceremony and a “polar bear express” parade on November 29th as well as starry night shopping from 4:00 until 8:00 PM. The parade will begin at 6:00 PM. The recycling has been moved to the back of the community center for the winter. Recycling will be collected tomorrow, November 13th, from 9:00 until 12:00, and will be the second Wednesday of the month throughout the winter. Please note the report from Alger County Sheriff with the statistics for the months of September and October. This information is also on our website. Congratulations to the new board members.

Treasurer’s report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer’s report – (\$955,162.57) Motion by Dongvillo, second by Deb Lundquist to accept treasurer’s report and approve the bills for payment (\$87,453.78). 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission: The planning commission meeting that was scheduled for tomorrow November 13th has been cancelled. Please watch the website and facebook page and locations around town for the new date once it gets rescheduled. There is a public hearing scheduled for December 5th regarding the conditional use permit submitted by Cassandra Hildebrandt for a new campground in the buffer zone. Copies of the draft new zoning ordinance are available at the township office or on our website – burrtownship.com. Email office@burrtownship.com with comments.

Meridian Projects Update: The vent through the roof on the community center for the kitchen exhaust fan was installed in the wrong location. There was a miscommunication between contractors and Meridian has already returned to relocate this and it is complete. Thank you to Meridian for getting this done promptly. Dressler mechanical will be here at the latest on December 3rd to finish the project.

Greenspace Quote: The sign that will be placed by the gazebo has been delayed. It will be ready and picked up on November 23rd and most likely installed in the spring. We are still investigating the possibility of engraving on the walkway for dedication purposes. Watch our sponsorship webpage for more details to come.

Cleary Building – Woodland Park Pole Barn: We have changed the location of the new pole barn and the flagged stakes have been placed. Cleary representative will be here on November 14th to review. This new location needs more work, trees to be removed and such, which may delay the building of the pole barn to later in the spring.

Alger Delta – Streetlight shading: We have contacted Alger Delta and they will provide a cost estimate to install shading on the sides of the streetlights to promote a dark sky viewing and to eliminate and sidelight from the streetlights into neighborhood homes. No new information as of this meeting.

Fire truck financing: The new brush truck is close to being ready for delivery – could be late November or early December. Motion by Deb Lundquist, second by McShane, to cash in Fire CD 790-0031027 at current balance of \$49,124.64, to pay part of the remaining balance due of \$130,335.52. 5 ayes. Board agreed that we should begin negotiating with Peoples State Bank for a \$100,000 loan to be paid back in \$10,000 increments over 10 years to complete the financing.

Fuel Fund deficit corrective action plan: The completed audit is submitted to the state treasury department and if there is a deficit in any fund at the end of the fiscal year, the township must submit an elimination plan to rectify. This specific deficit in the fuel fund was caused by the inaccuracy of the new pin pad reader system that we installed last summer. The unleaded gallons pumped was not being recorded correctly, it was off by one decimal point. The problem has been corrected and revised invoices were sent a paid, recouping over \$25,000. Motion by Dongvillo, second by Shafer, to approve the fuel fund deficit elimination plan and submit to the state. 5 ayes.

ACRC – Road contract 2025 – Lowder Rd. - This issue was tabled for the new board to handle.

Discussion of open issues to new board: Complete list of open issues that will be transferred over to the new board was reviewed and discussed. Good luck to the incoming Board of Trustees!

Other:

Public Comment: Mike Beek asked whether the Fire fund could afford this new loan payment and still pay their portion of the building payment. Tom Cleary thanked the current board for the service.

Adjournment: 6:40 PM