

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Monday, May 4, 2024 -- Community Center – 2:00 PM

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Attendance: Jon Babbitt, Lori McShane, Tim Jenkins, Sara Secrest, and Paul Williams.

Agenda: Motion by Secrest, second by McShane, to approve the agenda with the addition of sidewalk bids under new business item D. 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Employee Health Insurance – PA 152 Resolution 2026-05-01- Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt to adopt resolution 2026-04-01, which declares the local unit of government exempt from the requirements of Public Act 152 governing employee health benefits and the maximum a township can pay. 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Community Survey: The township board reviewed all of the questions suggested for the community survey. Some questions were changed; some were eliminated. Questions topics include but are not limited to, short term rentals, data centers, and marina improvements. Hope to approve final version at next meeting.

Woodland Park Septic: Still waiting on permits from LMAS and approval of variance requests from EGLE. Hope to get clearance to start digging soon. Motion by Williams, second by Babbitt, to proceed with additional septic tanks directly behind the park office for a cost of \$9,300 from Tamarack excavating. 5 ayes. Will contact UPEA for plan revisions.

Woodland Park – New Kubota/Golf Cart from Ginop: Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to approve the purchase of the new Kubota and golf cart for a total price (after trade in) of \$23,514 from Ginop Sales. 5 ayes.

Mobi Mat estimate: Discussion of possibly running the Mobi mat from the parking lot to the beach directly instead of renovating the boardwalk to remove stairs and replace with a ramp. Items to consider: the terrain, the incline, and cost of maintenance and storage. The cost would be lower overall, but board decided to continue on with the plan for renovation, with Kalamazoo deck builders commencing construction right after the 4th of July.

New Business:

Ballot Wording resolutions: Motion by McShane, second by Secrest, to adopt resolution 2026-04-02, approving the ballot wording for General operating millage renewal on the August 4, 2026, ballot. 5 ayes.

Motion by McShane, second Secrest, to adopt resolution 2026-04-03, approving the ballot wording for Road improvements millage renewal on the August 4, 2026, ballot. 5 ayes.

Motion by McShane, second by Secrest, to adopt resolution 2026-04-07, approving the ballot wording for the combined Fire, Ambulance, law enforcement millage renewal for the August 4, 2026 ballot. 3 ayes, 2 nays.

Freedom of Information Policies – charges for services: We have recently had many FOIA requests that have taken some time and resources. Board agreed we should review and update our FOIA policies and include a cost schedule. The current FOIA polices were established in 2011 and need a thorough review.

Randy Heiss correspondence – water bill: There was an issue at the Heiss house on Coast Guard Point Rd. after the storm in mid-March which caused excessive water usage. Mr. Heiss submitted a letter to the board asking for some relief on the metered usage charge for over 10,000 gallons. Board agreed that we can work with the customer, but cannot forgive the amount due for the water. We have had many water leaks in the last few months with many customers with high water bills. Clerk will follow up and offer a payment plan.

Final review of 2025/26 fiscal year ending budget: Motion by McShane, second by Secrest, to approve amendments to the budget to reflect the actuals. 5 ayes.

Other:

Public Comment: Bob Hughes asked the board about our policy to refer blight complaints to Alger County. He stated that Alger County does not have a blight ordinance. We refer issues to Alger County Building inspector if we feel structures are unsafe. He also expressed his views on Woodland Park – too crowded and campsites too small, he asked the board to consider private commercial campgrounds in the area. Andrew Kidd asked about our website and the complaint form.

Adjournment: 3:15 PM

Respectfully submitted May 11, 2026

Lori McShane, Clerk