

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 -- Community Center – 6:00 PM

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt to approve agenda adding Hull estimate/Trex and the draft service agreement with LARS. 4 ayes

Bob Lindbeck, ACRC: Our road millage is up for renewal on the August ballot so Bob Lindbeck from ACRC was present to discuss our tentative 4-year road plan. First year starts with repairs to Airport Rd, second year Ellen Street, third year paving of Webb Rd and then in the fourth year, paving of Valentine. Also discussed maintenance issues of the ditches and drainage issues in the spring.

Undersheriff Waldron: County is asking for a renewal of the 911 millage on this August ballot and Undersheriff Waldron spoke about all of the benefits this millage gives our community with regard to efficiency in dispatch and location.

Erich Fix: Representative from Altran Bus also present to encourage the community to vote yes on the Altran millage on this August Ballot. This is an increase, and he spoke about all of the services Altran provides to the community. We discussed how Burt Township can get better service and possibly additional dedicated runs. Supervisor will follow up.

Emergency Services millage: Brief discussion of the Emergency services millage up for Renewal – this is a renewal! We have combined the three millages, Fire, Ambulance, and law patrol into one for more efficient and flexible spending.

Correspondence: Letter from Jan Wilberg regarding zoning issues on Coast Guard Point and a letter from a tourist thanking Heather our office manager, and Dave the harbormaster for the kindness and assistance.

Approve Minutes: Minutes from 06/16/26 meeting could not be approved due to distribution issues. Some members of the board did not have a chance to review. Will add to next months agenda.

Department and Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Assessor, DPW & Water, Library, Fire, Marina and Woodland Park. Discussion of increased reservations at the park. Also, the Marina report, low numbers and how to address the needed improvements.

Appointments/Resignations: none

Supervisor Report: Busy month, been working on changing our fuel supplier, Mobi mat ramp construction, bathhouse on the beach renovations, purchased a new shed for the marina, we are scheduled to start painting the seawall, had a wonderful dedication for the Jack Hubbard memorial out at the point, assisted Alger Delta with a power outage investigation, attended an in-service orientation for the new drain fields in the park. Big thank you to DPW/Park for clean up after the fourth of July and thank you to DPW for the assistance with the renovations to the boardwalk. Also working with zoning on various issues. The team at Burt Township is always working to improve our community.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,236,596.38). Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment (\$88,925.77). 4 ayes. Questions about propane fill up at the park and usage of gravel for levelling of sites, and the legal services.

Unfinished Business:

Planning Commission/Recreation Plan: Zoning report with all planning commission edits has been handed out to the board members. Board will review - will discuss at the August meeting. Planning commission has a conditional use hearing on August 25th with the next regular meeting in October.

Employee Policies: Review of the Employee policies section 14&15. (Minor wording change must/is). Administrative policies section 2.6-2.7. No changes discussed. Admin policies 2.2 -Township board authority is exercised by the board. Trustee Jenkins asked that we reread this policy with regard to recent decisions being made regarding the food truck – not at a public meeting. Agreed to place the issue on the next meeting agenda for public motion for approval/disapproval.

Wilson street water system: Tentative loan closing date – third week August, waiting on Bond Counsel. Construction will take place September/October. We have been directed to raise the rates due to the financial obligations of this project. Resolution for rate increase to be addressed at special meeting if necessary.

Marina Paving: Need to get paperwork from Peoples State Bank.

SAVE WEST BAY – Bathymetric Survey: Bill Egerer reports the surveyor Laitinen is already working on the Joint Application and will be onsite early August to begin the Bathymetric survey. Again, possible to raise the taxes on the harbor millage on the November ballot.

Ordinance #12-2017 vs 001-01-2026: The new ordinance, 001-01-2026, is not in effect until August 1, 2026. This new ordinance was published in the July 1st edition of the Grand Marais Pilot and pictured Rocks review, and will go into effect 30 days after publication. The current food truck on the bay was processed under the regulation of the old ordinance. The application will change with the new ordinance. Trustee Jenkins had issues with the handling of the application, the legality of the business, and the accounting.

Hull quote for steps to bathhouse: Motion by Babbitt, second by Jenkins, to approve the additional \$5,700 to use TREX decking material on the renovation to the steps going down to the beach bathhouse. 4 ayes.

New Business

Quote – Marquette Fence – rail replace: Motion by McShane, second by Williams, to approve the estimate from Marquette Fencing to repair the fence/railing at the intersection of harbor Street/Everett/H58 sidewalk for a cost of \$5,950.00. 4 ayes.

Service agreement with LARS: Board reviewed the draft of the service agreement with LARS. Had some questions regarding the financial aspect of entering into this agreement. Need more information. This organization is important, and offers support during the UP 200 and search and rescue activities.

First Quarter Fiscal year 2026/27 Budget Review: Budget with activity through June 30th was distributed to the board for review. Will review again in more detail with regard to needed amendments at next meeting.

Other:

Public Comment: There was a group of people present asking about the Husky Haven zoning issues, looking for a current status.

Board Comment: Trustee Jenkins commended the DPW and park employees for a job well done at Dump days.

Adjournment: 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted July 26, 2026

Lori McShane, Clerk