

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 -- Community Center – 6:00 PM

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

Agenda: Motion by McShane, second by Secrest to approve agenda adding Resolution 2026-08-04 LARS radio, and the email from Altran regarding signage. 5 ayes

Correspondence: Letter from Lee Britton and another from Wendy Lowe regarding the condition of Wilson Street and the plans to repave and maintain the ditches.

Approve Minutes: Minutes from 06/16/26 regular meeting, 07/21/26 regular meeting, and the 08/03/26 special meeting all approved on a motion by Jenkins, second by Williams. 5 ayes.

Department and Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Assessor, DPW & Water, Fire, Marina and Woodland Park.

Appointments/Resignations: Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to accept the resignation of Dick Williamson as harbormaster, and to appoint Dave Beckwith to the position as replacement. 5 ayes.

Supervisor Report: Wilson street water project loan closing will be on August 28th. The beach bathhouse is open and operational. The Mobi mat will be delivered this week. Welcome Dave Beckwith as the new Harbormaster, he will be working with Jack at the park. I have been talking with residents that have concerns about the Wilson Street paving, and relaying this information to Bob Lindbeck at the ACRC. We are waiting on applications from the Husky Haven property owners. The stairs to the beach bathhouse construction will start shortly after Labor Day, and as always working on the save west bay project.

Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills: Treasurer's report – (\$1,167,346.29). Motion by Babbitt, second by Wiliams, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment (\$112,803.04). 5 ayes.

Unfinished Business:

Planning commission: 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 15&16, and administrative policies section 2.8-2.9. Trustee Jenkins provided revisions that clarify some of the rules for breaks, and corrected the overtime rule stating that even unapproved overtime must be compensated and just made the administrative policies easier to follow. Motion by Secrest, second by Babbitt, to adopt the revised policies presented. 5 ayes.

Food truck electric service: Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to allow the Fired-Up Food truck to access the electrical service connection that she paid for and pays the monthly bills directly to Alger Delta. 3 aye, 2 nays (Jenkins, Williams)

Survey results: Results from the survey we sent out were presented. Out of over 1100 surveys sent out, only 317 have been returned so far. 46% of the 317 were full time residents. We will continue to gather information as the surveys are still coming back as tax payments are coming in. We will revisit at our September meeting.

Zoning Ordinance: The draft zoning ordinance will be divided up into sections and board will schedule special meetings starting in September to review in detail. Copies of the draft ordinance and the maps are available at the township office.

SAVE WEST BAY – Bathymetric Survey: Bill Egerer gave a progress report on the bathymetric survey and joint application progress. Looking for community members to volunteer to get involved and serve on a committee to make some decisions on dredging within the next six weeks. Please contact the township office if you are interested.

Marina Paving: Resolution 2026-08-03 – Enter into a financial loan agreement with Peoples State Bank to cover the cost of paving the parking lot. Motion by Secrest, second by Babbitt, to adopt Resolution 2026-08-03, authorizing Supervisor Jon Babbitt to sign a finance agreement to borrow \$250,000 at 4.2% interest to be paid back in five years. 5 ayes. There was some discussion on the status of the Marina master plan and possibility of any grant funding opportunities and the community support for this paving project.

New Business

Resolution 2026-08-04: Motion by McShane, second by Williams, to adopt Resolution 2026-08-04, supporting the antenna district 8 emergency repair project and funding request to the Sault Ste Marie Tribe. 5 ayes.

Altran Sign request: Email received from Altran requesting permission to place sign/signs around town. More information needed.

First Quarter Fiscal year 2026/27 Budget Review: Budget with activity through June 30th was distributed to the board for review at last meeting. Same budget distributed this meeting with additional information showing where amendments are needed. Motion by McShane, second by Secrest, to approve the amendments to the budget as presented. 5 ayes.

Other:

Public Comment: Requests for copies of proposed zoning maps. Krista Dudansky asked if we were going to publish the results of the survey. Dave Dudansky commented that the project managers for the Wilson Street project have been on location looking at the blocked ditch issue. Community members asking about the schedule for special meetings for the zoning ordinance. Bill Egerer suggested we check with Michigan townships Association for information on a new lawyer.

Board Comment: Tim Jenkins commented that the new boardwalk renovations were not ADA compliant. He will forward more information to the board. He also mentioned that he had created a document about the zoning ordinance and his thoughts, comparing the old to the new, that may be helpful to other board members going forward with this review.

Adjournment: 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted August 21, 2026

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