**Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board** **DRAFT**
**Tuesday, October 20, 2026 -- Community Center – 6:00 PM**

**Attendance**: Jon Babbitt, Lori McShane, Kevin Hughey, Lou Lundquist, and Sara Secrest.
**Agenda**: Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt to approve agenda adding ACRC contract to new business item A. 5 ayes.
**Correspondence:** Email thanking the board for the Mobi mat and renovations to the boardwalk. Another note expressing appreciation for the library.
**Approve Minutes:** Motion by McShane, second by Secrest, to approve minutes from 09/15/26 regular meeting. 3 ayes.
**Department and Committee Reports**: Reports were available from the Assessor, DPW &Water, Fire, Marina and Woodland Park.
**Appointments/Resignations:** Welcome to Kevin Hughey and Lou Lundquist as township trustees. Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to appoint Lou Lundquist as the planning commission liaison for the remainder of his term. 5 ayes.
**Supervisor Report**: I have been on vacation, but upon return it was nice to see the marina paving underway, the water project making progress, and the stairway to the beach completed. A lot of great things happening here and I want to thank everyone for the help and support while I was gone.
**Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills**: Treasurer's report – ($1,122,239.01). Motion by Babbitt, second by McShane, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment ($60.070.17). 5 ayes.
**Unfinished Business**:
**Planning Commission:** Planning commission next scheduled meeting is February 2027, unless special needs arise. Discussion of the planning commission by laws and some minor changes mentioned by the Chairman. Planning commission will review and bring the changes to the board for approval.
**Employee and Admin policies:** No policies to be reviewed – will resume next month to give new trustees time to evaluate.
**Survey results:** Total surveys sent out – 1,166. 336 surveys returned. Highlights of the results - 195 yes-95 no for limiting short term rentals. No extra taxes for save west bay. Yes, to marina development. Complete package will be distributed to the board and results will be posted on the web page. We would like to do this yearly, try to think of a way to garner more responses.
**Zoning Ordinance:** Again, the review will start once the new trustees can up to date. First special meeting for review will be in December 2026. Copies of the draft ordinance and the maps are available at the township office.
**SAVE WEST BAY – Bathymetric Survey:** R.L. Laitinen was present to make a presentation of the bathymetric survey results. He will continue to work on the joint application for possible dredging next summer. Board needs to address financing. Individual property owners will be contacted by the EGLE after the application has been submitted. Bathymetric survey results will be posted on our website. Continued discussion of hiring someone to represent the township to get funding and assistance from the Army Corp or the state or possibly grants. Looking for community members to volunteer to get involved and serve on a committee to make some decisions on dredging within the next few weeks. Please contact the township office if you are interested.
**Wilson Street water project:** The project is progressing well. Marina paving is underway and complete water project will be completed the first week of November. Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to approve the first pay request from Payne and Dolan for the marina paving for $19,000. 5 ayes. Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt to approve the resolution to request funds from Rural Development to pay expenses for the water project, $41, 240 for UPEA and $494,308.75 for Payne and Dolan, total draw request $561.530. roll call vote 5 ayes.
**Coast guard point property – FGTP options:** The township was awarded the property on the point where the old coast guard boat dock was located. The stipulations were that it was to be developed as a park within five years. Due to erosion issues, we have not moved forward with any improvements. Board needs to decide and allocate funds for stabilization and development and report to the federal government for an extension or have them take back the property.
**New Fitness center plans:** Review of preliminary draft of floorplan and mock up drawings of a new fitness center. We will continue to save funds as well as solicit donations to get this completed.
**New Business**
**ACRC contract 2027:** Motion by McShane, second by Babbitt, to authorize Supervisor Babbitt to sign the contract with the Alger County Road Commission for 1.0 miles of graveling on Airport Rd., summer of 2027, for a township cost of $39,000. 5 ayes.
**Budget Review:** 2nd quarter ending fiscal year 2026-27 budget was reviewed. This is the halfway point of our fiscal years. Amendments need to be made for election costs, fire hydrants and the water project. Motion by McShane, second by Lundquist, to make amendments as needed. 5 ayes.
**Other:** Trustee Lundquist commented on the quality of the doggie bags that have been stocked lately. We need to review and improve the quality.
**Public Comment:** Bob Hughes, Alger County ambulance employee as well as Alger County commissioner, spoke about the urgent need for ambulance employees. The current staff is aging and we need help. Over 70% of the runs are for tourists. Our schedule has gaping holes where we have no coverage, so ambulance response time during those days would be over an hour away. Burt township will pay for classes and mileage if anyone is interested, please contact the township office. Tom Cleary from the Voyageurs Motel asked about the restitution of property as the water project concludes. Additional comments from the neighbors of the Husky Haven asking the board for action.
**Board Comment:** Zoning issues – neighbors complaining about the new house built across the street from the post office and threatening litigation, as well as still working on the Husky Haven issues. Waiting for legal review.

**Adjournment:** 7:40 PM Respectfully submitted October 30, 2026 Lori McShane, Clerk