

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday January 13, 2015**

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Treasurer Karen Karl, Clerk Kelly Coltas, Trustees Ned Huwatschek, and Trustee Art Davis.

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek all were in favor 5-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 12/09/14 and work session of 1/08/15, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, and motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Copper Dog 150 is coming! An organization meeting was held last Sunday, the dogs will be here on Saturday February 28th and leave by 10:00 am March 1st, depending on weather and temperature.

UPPCO: there will be an increase in electric bills for several months (until mid-summer) during the transitioning of the UPPCO sale etc.

Portage Lift Bridge: It will be closed on Saturday January 17th from 9:00pm until 7:00am the next morning, also the north bound lane will be closed until further notice.

Treasurers Report

- Motion to accept Treasurers report as given, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor and motion carried 5-0.

CHUB

Still working on mapping the utilities in town so we can work on getting a cost for extending services to the un-serviced lots.

DDA

Discussed two new projects

The DDA has a vacancy to be filled and they would like to recommend Alex Protzel to the position.

- Motion to nominate Alex Protzel to fill the vacancy on the DDA, put forth by Stigers/Karl, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

There was a coordinator position created with in the DDA, but there may be some legal issue with the position and the person who holds it.

In the compatible Act in Michigan, the coordinator cannot be a member of the DDA and there is a possibility that a township official cannot be an employee of the DDA. The DDA can support Advertising but cannot do the advertising. They cannot be a chamber of commerce. The position must not cross the line of a chamber of commerce. We are awaiting legal opinions.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wed January 7th, 2015 with 4 members present. Do to the low turnout there wasn't much to discuss. Mike Musiel will be taking firefighter 2 this winter and at the last minute on 1-8-15 Chris O'Callaghan indicated he wanted to take it as well. Three of the members present all voice some reservation in him attending more meetings. I told Chris to check with mike about sharing driving. Also discussed the upcoming year 2015 and what we needed if any, continual work on extrication practice, hydrant connection etc. At the mid-month meeting for December 2014 was held on December 17th, 2014 with 5 members present, all trucks were run and equipment exercised.

There were no page outs for the month and medical also had no page outs.

LLB Fire

Fire calls-0

Service calls-0

EMS runs (FD Assist):0

Monthly meeting: November 11th, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Hall expansion discussion

Fish Boil discussion

Christmas party with south Shore

Turn in payments for Nakkula and Mohawk Sand and Gravel, also Hammerstrom
Ran trucks and exercised pump on #1, check equipment.

December 4th, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Fish Boil discussion

Hall expansion update to members

South Shore part at 6:15 pm, we have bought ham from our funds as this is considered our FD Christmas party as well

Ran trucks and exercised pumps on #1 check equipment

Monthly training: Combined with regular meeting for these two months.

Old Business

Zoning Changes:

At the public zoning meeting, discussion on setbacks for water ways and roads were altered from the recommendations that the Township had given. There will be another hearing this month on Tuesday, January 27th 2015 for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is looking for a letter of approval from the Township Board on their recommended changes to the setbacks. To see all the setback information you may go to the minutes of the Planning Commission online at keweenawcountyonline.org

- Motion to have Supervisor Stigers write a letter of support for the changes to the setbacks that the Planning Commission has recommend, put forth by Davis/Huwatschek, all were in favor and motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Land Division: Rich Jamsen would like to change the configuration of his property from 3 lots to two lots. The Supervisor will discuss this with our Assessor. Bill Eddy suggested discussing with our Attorney as well as the State has certain protocol for changing plats.

Public Comment

Connie Eddy wanted clarification on the DDA and who they answer to. They answer to the Township.

- Motion to pay audited bills for January in the amount of \$37,734.90 and adjourn Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, and motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk