

## **GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Held at the Grant Township Hall  
230 Gratiot Street  
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918  
Minutes for Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

### **Call to Order**

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 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 01/13/15 and work session of 02/05/15, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, and motion carried 5-0.

### **Supervisor's Remarks**

Board of Review dates: Organizational meeting will be held on 3/3/15 time to be announced, then Wednesday 3/11/15 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and then on Thursday from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

### **Treasurers Report**

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

### **Utility Board**

Went over budget and will continue with that next month, also will be sending out delinquent notices.

### **DDA**

Discussed the Tough Mudder Obstacle course and what that event would entail.

### **Public Safety**

#### **CH Fire Dept.:**

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday 2/4/2015 with 5 members present. Items discussed: the two year CPR training is set for Sunday 2/22/2015 with the Heart Association, instructor will be from Aspirus-Keweenaw.

Also, the names of department members that participated in past Copper Dag races have been sent to race officials. The officials will call those members with locations and times for this year's event.

Mike Musiel and Chris O Callahan are taking firefighter 2 training. At our mid-month meeting for January 2015 was held on 6/21/2015 with 6 members present. Discussed the Copper Dog race, CPR classes in February and the annual donation for Pigs and Heat Hockey game in March.

The members then went to the Fort Wilkins Boat ramp for our yearly ice rescue training. Trucks #1, #4 and #5 were exercised.

There were no page outs for fire this month, Medical had 3 or 4 page outs.

**LLB Fire**

Fire Calls: 0

Service Calls: 0

EMS runs: 0

Monthly meeting: 01/22/15 Pancake Breakfast, will be held in LLB this year on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the new hall from 7 am to 1 pm.

Fish boil to be held at our hall on August 15<sup>th</sup> from noon (12 pm) to 7 pm.

Discussion on letter to whirlpool RE freezer incident where we lost the fish, Ned to write the letter.

Monthly: training: 01/06/015 at 6:00 pm

Ran trucks and checked fluids. Exercised pumps on truck #1 and checked over equipment.

**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

February is the month for annual salary Resolutions:

- Motion to adopt Resolution # 01-2015, Salary for Township Supervisor at \$16,300, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek. The Board was polled, Stigers- abstained, Karl- yes, Coltas- yes, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.
- Motion to adopt Resolution # 02-2015, Salary for Township Treasurer set at \$15,100, put forth by Coltas/Davis. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl- abstained, Coltas- yes, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #03-2015, Salary for Township Trustees set at \$220.00 per meeting (12 per year), put forth by Coltas/Karl. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl- yes, Coltas- yes, Davis- abstained and Huwatschek- yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #04-2015, Salary for Township Clerk set at \$15,100.00, put forth by Karl/Stigers. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl- yes, Coltas- abstained, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0, with one abstention.

In order to ease the burden on taxpayers for Board of Review there has been a change in the law allowing taxpayers to protest in writing, instead of appearing in person. To that end we have a Resolution #05-2015 which reads as

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**RESOLUTION to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing**

In order to ease the burden on Taxpayers, the Assessor and the Board of Review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the Board of Review, Grant Township hereby resolves, according to provisions of

MCL 211.30(7) of the General Property Tax Act, that the Board of Review shall receive letters of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests.

All notices of assessment change and all advertisements of Board of Review meetings are to include a statement that the resident taxpayers may protest by letter to the Board.

Members present: Ken Stigers, Karen Karl, Kelly Coltas, Ned Huwatschek and Art Davis

AYES: 5. Ken Stigers, Karen Karl, Kelly Coltas, Ned Huwatschek and Art Davis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: 0

Resolution declared adopted at the regular meeting of the Grant Township Board on February 10, 2015

By: Kelly Coltas

Grant Township Clerk

- Motion to adopt Resolution #05-2015 put forth by Coltas/Stigers, all were in favor motion carried, 5-0. Resolution #05-2015 is declared adopted

Place Making: MSHDA Training: On May 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 there will be a training session from 1:30 pm to 7:30 pm for Municipalities and what they can do to improve their areas. Supervisor Stigers and Trustee Art Davis will attend. The meeting will be in Hancock. More information to follow as it is released.

M.N.A. Land Use: the Michigan Nature Association will be putting in a hiking trail on their property on Brockway Mountain, it is possible that there will be some overlapping with Grant Township Property and they would like to know if they could have permission to utilize part of Grant Township Property for their hiking Trail.

- Motion to allow M.N.A. to cross Grant Township Property for the express purpose of a hiking trail as long as they carry all appropriate insurances. Put forth by Stigers/Huwatschek with all in favor, motion carried.

#### **Public Comment**

Bill Eddy announced that the new zoning changes will go to the County Board next Wednesday for approval.

Tom Boost asked for and updated Budget and that Rick Olsen would like one as well.

Connie Eddy remarked on exit routes for emergency vehicles for the upcoming Copper Dog Race.

- Motion to pay audited bills for February in the amount of \$ 28,405.95 and adjourn Coltas/Stigers, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Ken Stigers  
Grant Township Supervisor

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Kelly Coltas  
Grant Township Clerk

