

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Lac La Belle Fire Hall
6314 Superior Street
Lac La Belle, Michigan 49950
Minutes for Tuesday, June 9th, 2015**

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Treasurer Karen Karl, Clerk Kelly Coltas, Trustee 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 05/12/15, and work session of 06/04/15, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Clean up Days June 20th 21st in Copper Harbor.

Lac La Belle's cleanup will be in August, the date will be firmed up at the South Shore meeting next week.

The Supervisor was asking for volunteers for the Board of Review. We are short members. Anyone interested please contact Supervisor Ken Stigers. The BOR meets several times a year and there is training which is done in February.

A Letter from Sam Raymond from the Keweenaw Adventure Company has been received, thanking the Township Board for the financial support that made attending several large outdoor conference to promote Grant Township and the Keweenaw. The Conferences were well attended and a great success.

Monthly Reports

Treasurer's Report

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

Utility Board

There are two sewage lagoons in Copper Harbor. One is 200,000 gallons and the other is 100,000 gallons. It is time for the sludge to be removed. We are working with a company the does this and they run it through a filter press and compact it dry. After that is done they spread it on farm land or vacant land. We are in need of land to spread it on. The farther away the land is the more it will cost. If anyone knows of anyone who owns land that could be used for this purpose, please contact the Township.

We are now at the stage where our meters for water and sewer also need updating and the kind we currently use are no longer manufactured. So we will need to upgrade, but it will have to be done in stages, as it is quite expensive.

DDA

Now quorum, no meeting.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale to be held on June 12th from 5pm until 8pm at the Mariner North.

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday June 3rd, 2015 with 4 members present. Items discussed Annual Spaghetti Dinner Friday June 12th, at the Mariner North from 5pm to 8pm, all members to help out.

Annual Township clean up June 20th and 21st. Signup sheet passed around.

Heat panels on Trucks#1 and #2 moved for the summer

Trucks #1 and #2 exercised, foam system on Truck #1 was run. Extrication equipment was exercised from Truck #1

At the mid-month meeting on May 20-15 with 6 members present, at this meeting discussion on upcoming events, Township clean-up in June, and annual spaghetti dinner in June. Two members finished the fire fighter 2 classes this winter, both were appointed as co –officers for training each month.

Truck #1 and #2 were exercised. The skies were removed from the snowbulance and summer tires put on. The fire department had a mutual aid fire (wild land) page out with Eagle Harbor, Medical had no page outs

LLB Fire Dept.:

No Fire, No medical

Discussed upcoming Fish Boil to be held August 15th, Saturday from noon to 6pm.

Discussion on Freezer and thawed Fish. Ned worked with Whirlpool to a satisfactory end. Freezer is now repaired. Discussions on the new hall for finishing touches and organizational stuff, and landscaping. Did Training meeting and exercised trucks and flushed dry hydrants.

Would like to open up 5th street to access a handicap parking area.

Old Business

Eagle Harbor Township has received a grant to start recycling cardboard. Grant Township will participate with them in the endeavor, and to that end Grant Township will purchase a trailer to receive flatten cardboard. It will be stationed in Copper Harbor for 3 days a week and in Lac La Belle for 1day a week. We are hoping it will start in early July. As more information is received we will let everyone know when it is to start.

FOIA: the state has put new requirements in on the FOIA act. We will be adopting the new policy for July 1st 2015. The new procedures, which outline cost to be charged and timing will be posted at the Township Office.

- Motion to adopt a new FOIA policy to make it compliant with the new State guide lines, put forth by Coltas/Karl, all were in favor and motion carried 5-0.

Recreation Plan; we must update our Recreation Plan every 5 years and that time has come. Bill Olsen who wrote the last one is redoing this one and it will be ready for presentation in September. After it is presented there will be a 30 day comment period before we can adopt it. If all goes well we will formally adopt the new plan in October.

New Business

Web site: The Township would like to redo and update the website for the township. The software used now is outdated and no longer supported. The Treasurer who has maintained it on the old software has agreed to work with a new provider and new software to get the site updated. It would have a new look and new options and hopefully be user friendly.

- Motion to have Karen Karl redo and update the Grant Township website and do monthly maintenance for up to \$2000. For this year, then to be revisited next year to see is more or less is needed. Put forth by Coltas/ Huwatschek and all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Some people were asking about a cell tower update. Unfortunately the Township has no new or old news to add to that conversation at this time.

- Motion to pay audited bills for June in the amount of \$32,414.29 and adjourn Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk