

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Lac La Belle Fire Hall
6314 Superior Street
Lac La Belle, Michigan 49950
Minutes for Tuesday, September 8th, 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, Clerk Kelly Coltas, Trustee Ned Huwatschek and Trustee Art Davis. Treasurer Karen Karl was absent.

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor 4-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 08/11/15, and work session of 09/03/15, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

No remarks, just down to business.

Monthly Reports

Treasurer's Report

No Report

Utility Board

Sludge Removal: We have been looking for Land to use for the sludge that will be removed from the lagoons. Land application is much cheaper than paying tonnage to a landfill. Portage Lake Water and Sewer have found 36 acers that would be eligible for the purpose of land application. After some initial testing it was determined that the nitrogen levels were too high (concentrated) for that area and an additional 41 acers would be needed. Portage Lake Water and Sewer found us 33 more acres. But if further testing shows a weaker nitrogen level it may be enough for our purpose. The savings for land application vs landfill tonnage is considerable.

DDA

No report.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.

No report.

LLB Fire Dept.:

No Report.

Old Business

Recycling: We have started collecting cardboard in Copper Harbor. The trailer for cardboard collection is available at the dump site 3 days a week during regular dumpster hours. The hours are 3 to 5 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The trailer will be brought to Eagle Harbor for dumping will be Saturday and 12 noon. We will need to know what day would be the best to have the trailer in Lac La Belle. Because of there are fewer businesses in Lac La Belle the

trailer will only be available one day a week, unless it is shown more is needed. The South Shore Association will bring it up at the next meeting to determine which day would be best.

The cardboard that will be accepted must be clean (no used pizza boxes), flattened, and no waxed cardboard. This is a work in progress and we will learn as we go. We are hoping that it will save us down the line in tipping fees as cardboard takes up a lot of space.

Website Update: The Township now has a new website. The new address is granttownshipmi.org.

Sidewalks: no updates

Road Millage: The Supervisors of Keweenaw County met in August to discuss the new road millage and how and where it will be used. The first roads in Grant Township will be 3rd Street and Superior Street in Lac La Belle.

New Logo: We have had a logo for Grant Township designed by Natasha Walters. The Board is very pleased with the outcome. The design shows Grant Township on a map and has stars where the two communities in the Township are located as well as yellow lighthouse as we are surrounded by water.

- Motion to approve the new logo design, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek and all were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

New Business

C.O.R.S.: MDOT has approached the Township to install a GPS C.O.R.S. site. It is apparently used for surveys etc. It will be established at the Sewer Plant. It is still in the planning stage and details are not as yet worked out. There will be more information as this transpires.

Parking at the Community Center: The Township has received a letter from a concerned citizen about the 10 Minute parking spots at the community center. It appears that Township, C.H.I.A. and Post Office employees utilize these spots and they should be used by visitors and people stopping for their mail. This has been respectfully noted.

Public Comment

Bill Eddy was wondering when the last time a treasurers report was submitted as the Treasurer has missed two meetings.

Some of the residents from Lac La Belle asked if the Reports could be posted on the new website. It was also suggested by the residents that if the Treasurer could not make it to a meeting perhaps she could send a prepared report for the Supervisor or Clerk to read.

Marge Meyers on behalf of the South Shore Association had a couple of things to discuss. The first being about the Vivian/Nordstrom area of the conservancy.

There is an old boat in the water there and there is some historical significance.

Would it be possible for some signage to let people know what is was etc?

Connie Eddy suggested that the Historical Society would be the organization that could be of help.

They (SSA) also had concerns about the intersection of Third Street and Superior Street. The Corner is heavily treed and bushy, making it difficult to see around and the signage is not very clear. Supervisor Stigers said he would bring the issue to the Road Commission.

It appears that the "NO WAKE" signs for Lac La Belle have gone missing. They were held and put up and taken down by the DNR working thru the Manager at Fort Wilkins. There was a Manager switch out this year, and somehow things have been misplaced. The new Manager will be contacted to see if they can be found or new ones made.

Connie Eddy wanted to bring attention to a traffic problem during the bike race event on Sunday. There is a safety issue near the Hunter's Point entrance where cars park on the road as there is no shoulders and it is a blind curve with fast traffic. Supervisor Stigers said he will converse with the Group holding the race for a traffic plan to be put in action for future races.

- Motion to pay audited bills for September in the amount of \$18,537.29 and adjourn Coltas/Stigers, all were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk