

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held at the Grant Township Hall

230 Gratiot Street

Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918

Minutes for Tuesday November 10th, 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, and 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 10/13/15 and work session of 11/05/15, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, and motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

No remarks

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

Sludge removal is now done. The initial estimate of the project was \$160,460.79. That estimate was for a certain amount of sludge tonnage. When the sludge was actually removed the tonnage was double what was expected. The total for clean out and removal is now at 195,913.13. While that is more than expected and more than what is in the sludge removal fund we do have the equipment replacement fund that will cover the rest. The CD must be cashed in though so until the funds are available the General Fund will loan Sewer Fund the monies needed to pay for the project at 05% interest.

- Motion to have the General Fund Loan the Sewer Fund the overage that is needed to finish the lagoon Sludge removal project. The loan would pay General Fund 05% interest for the duration of the loan. The exact total will be available next month after all the bills are in. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

DDA

Meeting on October 27th: Discussion on Splake and Birding. Also discussed getting and action plan together and will have a work session to brain storm for this action plan.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wed. November 4th, 2015 with 6 members present. Discussed the upcoming winter season and the

changeover for some vehicles. We exercised trucks 1, 2 and 4. At the end of US 41, with extrication equipment and Foam spraying practice.

At our mid-month meeting for October 21, 2015 with 6 members present.

It was reported Truck #3 had been drained and placed in the old tanker barn for the winter season.

The SCBA compressor and cascade air system had a checkup and inspection maintenance by the company that built and installed the unit. A filter was replaced and an air sample was taken. We already received a report that the air sample meet the air quality standards. All SCBA packs were checked finding one unit needed its batteries changed.

Following our work the Faassens provided dinner for those who attended the meeting. Ribs, lasagna, salad, brownies and things to drink. This was to thank the dept. for all they do.

It was very good, thanks again. There was one page out for the fire dept. The medical unit has had numerous page outs for the month.

LLB Fire

Fire Calls: 0

Service Calls: 0

Ems runs (FD Asist): 0

Monthly meeting: October 29 2015 at 6:00 pm

- Discussion on Water quality issue at LLBVFD. Ned to have Keranen Well & Pump do estimate on filtration system.
- Discussion on letter from SNB regarding LLBVFD Auxiliary using Grant Twp. Tax ID. We will get a new tax ID for that account.
- Drain Brush Truck pump.
- Put pans on truck one and grill cover prep for winter.

Monthly Training: October 8th, 2015 6:00pm

- Ran trucks and exercised pumps
- Cleaned hall for rental on the 10th.

Other: Hall rental John Sturos family gathering on 10/810/2015. All paperwork complete-deposit held insurance coverage provided. No issues with hall-deposit returned.

EMS Runs 1st responders: 0

Old Business

Recycling: The cardboard trailer is currently not locked, please when putting cardboard in, do it neatly. We are currently working on the idea of trailers to put in the cardboard trailer to make it easier to load and unload the trailer. The idea is to make two trailers to start so we can tweak them and improve the handling of cardboard. Once summer comes and the plan has been improved we will make two more trailers, so we can leave two in Eagle Harbor to unload and just pick up the empty ones to bring back to load here.

- Motion to build two trailers for cardboard recycling. Bill Eddy and Jeff Coltas will be in charge of the project, the project should not exceed \$1000.00. Put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

C.O.R.S: Our Attorney made modifications to the agreement between MDOT and the township. MDOT has to run the language by the Attorney General and they will get back to us.

Rec Plan: At the December meeting will also be a Public Hearing the plan will be present and then be available for 30 days. Please feel free to come with new ideas.

New Business

Accountant: Jackie Aalto has resigned from being our auditor effective now. There will be an Ad placed in the local paper to look for a new auditor.

Blue print for tomorrow: Ann Gasperich was our guest and was explaining how the County is updating their own Land Use plan. She needs discussions with all the Townships on what should be encompassed in the new updated plan. She would like to set up meeting in Grant Township for our input. The meeting will be on Thursday December 10th, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the afternoon in the Grant Township Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and have a say in how our County will move forward into the future.

Public Comment

Alex Protzel asked about paving 9th street and was wondering if that was in the road improvement proposal. He is writing a letter to the Road Commission to ask it to be included. Next year the roads that are scheduled in Lac La Belle will be done. Perhaps the following year Copper Harbor will be done. The roads slated in Copper Harbor will be 5th, 6th, 8th and Bernard. 9th while on the list was not rated to be done as it only services one house.

- Motion to pay audited bills for November in the amount of \$61,429.99 and adjourn Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk