

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday August 9th, 2016**

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

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

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor 4-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 07/12/16 and work session of 08/04/16, put forth by Coltas/Stigers all were in favor, and motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Next meeting will be in Lac La Belle on September 13th, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Lac La Belle cleanup will be this week end on Saturday and Sunday.

U.S. 41 closures: Tuesday August 16th from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm 8 miles north of Phoenix and on Wednesday August 17th from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm 10 miles north of Phoenix.

The President of the SSA Bill Stocker passed away yesterday, he will be missed.

Treasurers Report

- Motion to accept Treasurers report as given, put forth by Coltas/Davis all were in favor and motion carried 4-0.

Utility Board

We have spent a lot of money on much needed updates in the last year from sludge removal from the sewer lagoons to water tank relining. There are still more updates to come. We can no longer get analog water meters so must update to the new RFA meters as needed. We are also in need of a new generator at the water plant the existing generator is 33 years old and is have operational issues.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

The Copper Harbor Parks Advisory Committee, consisting of Kelly Coltas, Miranda Davis, Staci Gibson, Richard Jamsen, Jane Jamsen and Erika Vye, is recommending the following to be established as policies for the Community Center Park, the Copper Harbor School Park and the Hunter's Point Park.

1.
 - a) Protection of the trees and lawns in the Community Center Park
 - b) When trees die, replant with other cedar trees.
 - c) Decorative items and informational banners should be set up only 24-48 hours in advance and then removed within 24-48 hours after the conclusion of an event. This policy will be enforced and noncompliance

may require the event sponsor to forfeit the deposit. Another deposit would be required from them before the next event.

- d) Fire pads will be provided so that the movable fire pits can only be used in those areas.
- e) Keeping the stage mobile is the best option at this point in time.
- f) Better enforcement is needed to keep authorized vehicles off the grass. Short term parking needed for unloading supplies or vendor exhibits will be allowed.

2. Noise Management

- a) For all events, no amplification after 11:00 P.M.

3. School Park expenses

- a) Clarify the responsibility of the maintenance of the school yard property
- b) Expenses could be shared between the school and the Township

4. Improve appearance of the barn

5. Improve signage, especially with respect to pet control and “deposits”.

6. Put a “deposit” station at each trash location.

7. Road-end areas

- a) Provide benches instead of picnic tables and designate these areas for “quiet reflection.”

8. Fireworks should be prohibited in any Copper Harbor Park

Christmas Decorations that go up must come down as soon as weather permits. Christmas Decorations must not be affixed to trees with nails or other harmful attachment.

We are requesting input so we can set policy for our parks

We have had issues with vehicles, side by sides and ATV's being washed at the bike station. This was not the intent of the station and to wash vehicles there and would be in violation of DEQ rules.

Some ideas for a solution would be boulders strategically placed, signage and shortening the hose.

We have to replace a grouping of cedars in the park that are dying, Tom Boost the Copper Harbor Fire Chief said the fire department would like to plant a tree honoring Tom Beverage who has recently died. Tom Beveridge was our Township Supervisor for 12 years and also a valued member of the Fire Department. We will get a price for replacing the trees and let Tom Boost know.

DDA

No meetings in July and August.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday August 3rd, 2016 with 3 members present.

Some of the items discussed: upcoming Art in the Park cook out by Department members. Copper man Triathlon on August 6th it is the 25th year. Four members will be on the race course with communications, no problems with race.

At the mid-month meeting for July 2016 was held on July 20th, 2016 with 3 members present. There was not too much to talk about. Took Trucks#1 and #4

to Fort Wilkins boat ramp to test floating pumps and on portable pump, everything works well. There were two page outs for the fire department and medical had a number of page outs.

LLB Fire

No report.

Old Business

We received a quote from Halonen for landscaping the area around the new Lac La Belle Training Center. The quote covers sidewalks and plants. Then over the septic field area, spreading 60 yards of topsoil and then seed and straw, also installing one heavy duty park grill, installing 20 boulders on two sides to keep cars from this area and also one load of fill to fill in low areas. The quote came to \$7300.00.

- Motion to approve the amount of \$7,300.00 for the landscaping of the Lac La Belle Fire Hall. Put forth by Coltas/Stigers, the Board was polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Davis- Yes, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

Land Use: Ann Gasperich spoke about the land use plan, the map and the stages yet to go through and what has been accomplished. A tremendous amount of work has gone into this and she has been pleased with the public response. The Township Board is pleased with the work that has been accomplished and has its own recommendations.

- Motion for the Grant Township Board to support the Land use committees proposed plan and map; and agree with the support to change Copper Harbor's zoning to RS 1, and to include gas stations in that zoning. Put forth by Coltas/Stigers, all were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

New Business

The Township Office color printer has died. As service is always an issue in this area, we are considering purchasing one from a local agency that can offer service. We have a quote from Sayen's for \$623.00.

- Motion to approve the purchase of a color laser from Sayen's in the amount of \$623.00, put forth by Coltas/Davis, the Board was then polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes and Davis-Yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0.

The projector screen in the Township Hall is broken and can no longer be fixed. To purchase a new one of similar quality will cost in the neighborhood of \$350.00 to \$400.00.

- Motion to approve the purchase of a new projector screen to replace the old one not to exceed the amount of \$400.00, Put forth by Coltas/Karl the Board was then polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes and Davis-Yes, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

To help maintain the carpet in between regular cleanings our custodian has asked for a small carpet spot cleaner. We have several options from \$89.00 to \$200.00.

- Motion to approve the purchase of a rug cleaner not to exceed the amount of \$200.00. Put forth by Coltas/Karl, the Board was then polled, Stigers-

Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes and Davis-Yes, all were in favor, motion carried 4-0

Public Comment

Ann Gasperich would like to thank everyone for all the volunteering and time they have put into the community and helping with the plan.

- Motion to pay audited bills for August in the amount of \$33,042.14 and adjourn Coltas/Karl, all were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk