

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 13th, 2016

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 08/9/16 and work session of 09/08/16, put forth by Coltas/Davis all were in favor, and motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Compactor

The Supervisor has spoken, again, with Waste Management, about the water issue in Lac La Belle. They have (finally) admitted that there is a problem. We will be getting all of our compactors rehabbed, one at a time, so it will take a while for them to all be done.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer, no report.

Utility Board

The Township had applied through OHM for an assessed management program for our water and sewer operations. We have been approved and we are considered a disadvantaged community so will be funded 100%. We have no idea of when it will happen but are assured it will.

DDA

No quorum, no meeting. Next meeting September 27th, 2016

Parks Committee

We have a grouping of dead cedars in the park that need replacing. We would like them replaced with three more cedars. We have a price from Halonen of \$1,750.00 for cutting down the old trees and grinding stumps and seeding over then replacing with new trees slightly to the side. It would be more expensive to put them in exactly the same place so we chose to be close but not exact. The Copper Harbor fire department wanted to pay for a tree to honor the late Supervisor Tom Beveridge but have chosen to have a bench situated close to the new trees with his name on it instead.

There is a bike wash in Copper Harbor that was put in by the DDA and has been quite handy for the mountain biking crowd. Unfortunately with easy access some of the public has been using it to wash ATV's and even cars. Since this is not the purpose and we are not licensed by the DEQ for this, we have determined that

by placing large boulders, in strategic positions and then add some signage to keep this from being used by vehicles. We have yet to get a price on this so will readdress it when we do.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday September 7th, 2016 with 4 members present.

Some to the items discussed: recapped the annual "Trails Fest" over Labor Day, 3 members provide radio communications at road locations. This years "Art in the Park" weekend was wet and windy, the turnout was better on Sunday.

Truck #3 is out of service for a few days, new batteries are on order to fix the problem.

Truck # 1 was exercised and the foam system, and also the portable foam unit.

At the mid-month meeting for August 2016 was held on August 17th, 2016 with 5 members present. Discussions on the upcoming "art in the Park" cook out, and then exercised Truck # 1 and ran extrication Equipment. There were no page outs for the month, Medical had a number of page outs.

LLB Fire Dept.

Monthly Report for July and August

Fire Calls: 0

Service Calls: 1 Assist Keweenaw Sheriff on traffic accident at Delaware 7/31/16

EMS runs (FD assist): 0

Monthly meetings:

July 13th, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Fish boil discussion.

All trucks in 4th of July Parade in Copper Harbor.

Sound Panels in meeting room to be installed by Bob Meyers and Ed Jenison.

Nakkula finishing up on the Awning.

Meeting with Halonen Landscaping, Ken Stigers and Rick Olsen plan work by hall.

Pomasl to service all trucks on 7/25/16

August 25th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Fish boil results to be finalized for September meeting, did better than last year with preliminary numbers.

Landscape project approved by board with Halonen.

Acoustic panels seem to be doing a good job, may add some to ceiling

Rummage sale was a success held by SSA and monies to be used for FD projects.

Coat rack discussion, to get with Tom Talvensaari to construct one from wood to go with hall T&G.

Kids fishing tournament on August 27th, we will donate \$200.00 as we did last year.

Received nice donations from area residents for fish boil.

All trucks serviced by Red Power Diesel, also they determined we do not have a pump issue requiring repair as we do pass pump tests at a higher RPM, which is

within specs. No major issues with any unit, muffler clamp replacement on tanker needs to be done, they did not have one. Backup alarm fixed.

Monthly Training: July 28th, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Ran all trucks and pumps on # 1 and brush truck, checked all equipment and ran chain saw and partner saw.

August 11th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Ran all trucks and pumps on #1 and brush truck, checked all equipment and prepped for fish boil.

Other: N/A

EMS Runs 1st Responders: 2 runs for August

Old Business

Kayak Facility, we would like to pursue a grant for a Kayak facility down by the Marina. To do this we would need a grant writer and John Sullivan (retired from UP Engineering) would like to assist us in this. His charge of \$60.00 to be capped at \$1,200.00 and if the project is a good 10% of the cost of the project which would be covered by the grant, is quite reasonable and the Board would like to pursue this.

- Motion to allow the Supervisor, Ken Stigers to enter into an agreement with John Sullivan to write and manage a grant for the Kayak facility. Put forth by Coltas/Davis, a roll call was done, Stigers-yes, Coltas-yes, Davis-yes, Huwatschek-yes, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

The annual MTA conference has been moved from May to October and three members of the Board will be attending. Supervisor Ken Stigers, Clerk Kelly Coltas and Trustee Ned Huwatschek.

The Audit for the Township is finished and the Board has gone over it with the Auditor. Having a new Auditor was an interesting experience and we had to break each other in.

- Motion to approve this year's audit by Susan Sanford put for by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor motion carried and audit approved 4-0.

New Business

RESOLUTION # 22-2016 GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 13TH, 2016

RESOLUTION To Adopt a Capital Asset Policy

WHEREAS, the Grant Township Board wishes update their Capital Asset Policy

WHEREAS, the existing policy does not include electronic devices and smaller items and

WHEREAS, the Township Board wishes to include these items now, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Township Board adopts the following policy as the new Capital Asset Policy from here on in

GRANT TOWNSHIP
CAPITAL ASSET POLICY

Capital assets are defined as those tangible assets of the Township of Grant, with a useful life in excess of one (1) year and an initial cost of 5,000 dollars. Exceptions to the rule are:

Computers, printers and certain other peripheral technology equipment will be capitalized at a lower limit of 500 dollars.

Certain other assets which are less than 5,000 dollars per unit may be capitalized as a group or as individual assets if deemed by the Township Board to be significant in amount or at greater risk of theft.

Capital assets shall be classified as follows:

- Land
- Land Improvements
- Building
- Machinery and equipment
- Furniture and fixtures
- Vehicles
- Construction in progress

Leased capital assets and assets which are jointly-owned shall be identified and recorded on the capital asset system.

Capital assets on hand shall be recorded at historical cost or, if that amount is not practicably determinable, at estimated historical cost. The methods to be used to estimate historical cost shall be established by the Township Board.

Future asset acquisitions will be valued at the acquisition cost for purchases. Donated items will be capitalized at fair market value on the donation date and depreciated if exhaustible over the remaining estimated useful life.

Accumulated depreciation shall be calculated on a straight line basis and be recorded for capital assets.

The following information shall be maintained for all capital assets:

- 1) Description
- 2) Asset classification
- 3) Department

- 4) Purchase price
- 5) Date purchased
- 6) Serial number and model number
- 7) Estimated useful life
- 8) Accumulated depreciation
- 9) Method of acquisition
- 10) Manner of as The estimated useful life that Grant Township will use is as follows:

Land Improvements	10 to 20 years
Buildings	10 to 50 years
Vehicles	5 to 10 years
Equipment	4 to 10 years
Infrastructure	8 to 50 years
Wastewater treatment plant and equipment	10 to 40 years
Water treatment plant and equipment	10 to 40 years

Policy adopted on September 13th, 2016

Adopted this 13th day of September, 2016

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

AYES: 5 - Ken Stigers, Kelly Coltas, Ned Huwatschek, Art Davis

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

**Kelly Coltas
Clerk**

Upon a motion made by Kelly Coltas, seconded by Art Davis, the Board was then polled Stigers-yes, Coltas-yes, Huwatschek-yes, and Davis-yes, with all being in favor the following Resolution was adopted: #22-2016

I hereby certify this Resolution as a true and accurate copy of an action taken by the Grant Township Board on September 13, 2016.

Clerk

Trees in the Park

As per the report from the Parks Committee we need a motion for the new trees.

- Motion to approve the new trees in the park in the amount of \$1,750.00 and have a platform put in for a bench (cost to be yet determined). Put forth by Coltas/Davis, a roll call was done, Stigers-yes, Karl-yes, Coltas-yes, Huwatschek-yes, Davis-yes. All were in favor, motion carried, and 4-0.

Lac La Belle firefighter;

The Lac La Belle Fire Department has a new member Candace Curtiss, Training is still being determined as she has extensive training from her previous job.

- Motion to approve Candace Curtiss as a new member of the Lac La Belle Fire Department, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor and motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment

Wendell Carlson asked about the landscape project and Rick Olsen explained that there would be sidewalks with planter beds and then a lawn over the existing drain field. The area would be cleaned up and 2 grills would be put in along with a couple of picnic tables.

Jim Valsa the new president of the SSA asked about recycling. They would like to see something for glass and plastic. Supervisor Stigers had discussed with Waste Management about "single stream" recycling. That is where another dumpster would be brought in for "recyclables". Waste Management wondered what the Township would be willing to pay for such a service as it is expensive. This would have to be discussed. The card board recycling is going well and the Township would like to extend it to Lac La Belle and Mr. Valsa said he would bring it up at the next SSA meeting.

Eric Hermanson then took the floor to introduce himself as a candidate for the County Treasurer position. He explained his qualifications and desires for the County.

- Motion to pay audited bills for September in the amount of \$41,315.85 and adjourn Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk