

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday October 11th, 2016**

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, Clerk Kelly Coltas, Treasurer Karen Karl, and Trustee Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek.

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Coltas/Karl, all were in favor 5-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 09/13/16 and work session of 10/06/16, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek all were in favor, and motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

November Meeting will be moved to November 15th, 2016 because the election will be on November 8th, 2016.

Treasurers Report

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

Utility Board

We have a leak in the small lagoon. A downstate company (name not available at meeting) will be coming in next week to patch it. The DEQ has been notified and we will not be fined as we told them about it.

DDA

First meeting in several months, no motions, mostly suggestion and ideas. There will be a new member soon. Steve Brimm has thrown his hat in and there may be others that are interested.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

The Copper Harbor Parks Advisory Committee, will be having their quarterly meeting on October 23th, they will be discussing the style of memorial benches for the parks, the boulders for around the bike washing stations road ends and signage. We would like suggestions and input from the public.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday October 5th, 2016 with 4 members present. Discussed expanding the concrete portion of the parking apron, a project for next spring (approximately 10 ft. by 50 ft. long) more information to follow on this topic in the future. Truck #1 was exercised, along with all extrication equipment. At the midmonth meeting for September was held on the 21st, with 2 members present. New batteries had been installed in Truck #3 and exercised. There was on department page out for a medical assist at the KML when there was no acknowledgement to medical pages. Medical also had a number of page outs.

LLB Fire

No report.

Old Business

Kayak Facility, John Sullivan and Ken Stigers developing a proposal to present to the State.

MTA Conference was attended by Ned Huwatschek and Kelly Coltas, both felt it was informative.

Land Acquisition: Our initial score was 375 out of 500, but we were able to upgrade our score because of the Copper Harbor Parks Committee. There are areas that we can't improve on because of our population density. Now we just wait.

Landscaping at Lac La Belle Fire Department is completed and is looking really good, and because of the rain Ned has not had to water the new grass yet.

Mark Ahlborn came to discuss the Blue Print for Tomorrow. It is getting close to being finished but there are few things that he would like to see included so we can work on them in the future.

1. Fiber Optics to Copper Harbor

To get funding for Fiber Optics you need educational and or Medical needs. Mark asked UP Health if they would be interested in having a part time clinic in Copper Harbor, there seemed to be some interest there. He will also approach Aspirus. Between the School and a health care provider it might fit the criteria for grant funding to Fiber Optics.

2. Public Ownership of Logging Roads: Mark would like to see this in the Blue Print for Tomorrow so if we wanted to work with some of these well used road we could do so.

- Motion to support public ownership of traditional logging roads such as the Clark Mine, Burma, Mandan Loop, Smith Fisheries, Iron Gate Sotula/Plante and Mt. Houghton Road. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

3. Montreal Falls Trail Head Initiative: Extend the Smith Fisheries Road to State land, were parking and Pit toilets could be placed, then better trails to the Fall's, with better emergency access. The Grant Township Board, supports this initiative as it fits in with their plans for better access and trails.

The Board was thankful for Mark Ahlborn coming to present these important ideas.

New Business

- Motion to approve the purchase of two desk lamps, not to exceed \$100.00, two computer batteries for the laptops for the Supervisor and Treasurer, not to exceed \$170.00 each and a new phone system for the Township Office not to exceed \$125.00. Put forth by Coltas/Davis and the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carried 5-0

Public Comment

No Comments

- Motion to pay audited bills for October in the amount of \$18,520.01 and adjourn Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk