

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday January 10th, 2017**

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Trustee Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek.

- 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 12/13/16 and work session of 01/05/17, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

B.O.R. Training will be held on February 7th, 2017 in Houghton and all members will attend.

A.M.A.R.: The State has approved our corrective action plan and will be back in 2018 to re-examine us.

Financials

- Motion to approve the financial Reports, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled, Ayes- 4, Nays-0, 1- Abstention. Motion carried 4-0

Utility Board

The S.A.W. Grant people will start working next month, this is for an asset management program. We received a disadvantaged community waiver so there was no matching fund needed.

DDA

No Quorum

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

Minutes of the Copper Harbor Parks Committee, 1/7/17

Present: Kelly Coltas (Chair), Staci Gibson, Erika Vye, Rich Jamsen, Jane Jamsen

Absent: Miranda Davis

- 1) Discussion regarding the park benches:
 - a) Cost per 6-foot bench is \$475 + \$210 shipping + \$60 for engraving one board with at most 36 characters. The "back" bench cost is \$705 plus \$215 shipping + \$60 engraving fee.
 - b) A limited number of memorial benches will be solicited. The committee will walk through the parks in the spring and determine the number of benches that would be appropriate at each of the parks, including the lake-access areas.
 - c) In the spring there will be an announcement from this committee regarding the opportunity for the public to purchase a memorial bench, with a time limit

- for responses (to be determined by the committee). Each prospective donor will be asked to pay for the bench and shipping costs and the township will be responsible for the installation.
- d) Benches could incorporate two memorial boards.
 - e) The committee will request a secure price from the provider for the time period of our announcement.
- 2) Ericka gave a brief description of the general geo-heritage signage that will be posted around town. The main goal here is to give general information on how the geology of specific sites contributes to the culture of the area.
 - 3) Chair Coltas reminded the committee that boulders will be placed near the bike wash area and a shorter hose will be supplied there. This will hopefully eliminate the opportunity for motorized vehicles to use this township courtesy service. A sign explaining this change will be posted at the site.
 - 4) We have the grant for the Trailhead for mountain biking and the grant will be under the domain of this committee. The first job is to have the site maps done and other work will follow.
 - 5) The School Park will be revisited at the next meeting.
 - 6) The tree replacement in the Community Park will take place in the spring. Staci suggested that the committee secure a 1-year guarantee for the trees from the provider, Halonen. The maximum size of available trees is 8 feet.
 - 7) The Christmas lights set-up went very well with no nails being put into the trees. The lights will be on through February and will probably be taken down sometime in March, weather permitting. Cost savings were achieved through using LED lights and having the lights on a timer this year.
 - 8) Rich mentioned that the rails at the 10th street dock can be repaired to facilitate launching of boats. Having these rails in working order would be especially beneficial in cases of emergency.
 - 9) The road-end, public access areas were discussed briefly. The township is responsible for the 3rd, 6th, 8th and 9th street areas and the others are county-owned. Landowners will work together, and with this committee, so that the public and private areas are clearly designated.
 - 10) The next committee meeting is slated for April, 2017.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday January 4th, 2017 with 6 members present. Those not at the last meeting were informed we received a

DNR 50/50 grant for 2016-17, which will go for a portable pump plus additional 1 inch forestry hose.

The department members were informed of this year's Copper Dag 150 race, March 3rd to 5th. Three members helped last year, in communication, medical and in house.

Truck # 1 required 3 new batteries and a new on board battery charger, this work was completed on January 5th, 2017.

A demonstration on our new SCBA face pieces finished the cold, snowy meeting.

At the mid-month meeting for December, 2016, we had 4 members present.

New communications radios were discussed with department members. There were no department page outs for the month, and medical had numerous page outs for the end of December and first of January 2017.

LLB Fire

Fire Calls: 0

Service Calls: 1-Truck accident at bottom of Lac La Belle hill- Drywall delivery truck off road.

EMS (FD Assist):0

Monthly Meeting: 12/13/16 at 6:00 pm

Ran all trucks and exercised pump on truck #1 then check over equipment.

Monthly Training: 12/13/16 at 6:00 pm

Other: N/A

EMS Runs 1st Responders: 4 call outs- was able to respond to one, all were at Bohemia.

Old Business

Road repairs 2017: Mr. Stigers met with the Road Commissions Chris Cronenworth to discuss the upcoming road repairs, also asked about 9th street and was informed as of now it would be about 2500.00 plus prepping of the road, we will have a more accurate price in the spring. There will also be new stop signs where the birds have damage them.

Internet improvements: No update.

Land Acquisition: Crampton Surveying will supply the legal descriptions and the boundary maps for the DNR.

Budget work session will be held on February 21st 11:00 am.

New Business

The Federal Government has changed the mileage reimbursement amount from 0.54 cents per mile to 0.53.5 per mile.

Snow Removal: with the vast amount of snow we have received, we are running out of places to put it in a number of areas. The Road Commission will be out next week sometime with a front end loader to move snow around. They will be charging \$90.00 per hour with a ½ hour minimum. They will be moving snow for the Township but if anyone else needs them they will move snow for them as well at the same price.

Public Comment

No comments

- Motion to pay audited bills for January in the amount of \$21,538.71 and adjourn Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk