

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday February 14, 2017**

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, 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 1/10/17 and work session of 02/09/17, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

March BOR meetings are as follows:

Monday March 13th, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:00pm

Wednesday March 15th, 2017 from 3:00 pm to 9:00pm

Financials

- Motion to approve the financial Reports, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled, Ayes- 5, Nays-0, Motion carried 5-0.

Utility Board

Chub will be Budgeting on Tuesday February 21st, and setting the water and sewer rates for the coming year.

We are looking into our capacity for water and sewer.

DDA

The DDA has a new member, Steve Brimm and he will be doing promo videos of various Copper Harbor Events, which will be able to be viewed on line.

Also discussed members who do not attend. The new ATV groomer is up and running and grooming ski trails.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

No report

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday February 1st, 2017 with 5 members present.

Department members that were involved in last year's Copper Dog 150 will again be on hand for this year's event on March 3rd to 5th.

All 10 SCBA units were tested in January. Some minor adjustments to a few were made all units passed.

At the mid-month meeting for January 18th, 2017 was held with 5 members present.

The upcoming Copper Dog 150, 2017 pigs-n-heat hockey event and radio and pagers were discussed.

Trucks #1 was exercised, generator was run and all extrication equipment operated, all is in working order.

There were no department page outs for the month, but medical had numerous page out in January and the first week of February.

LLB Fire

No Report

Old Business

Kayak dock: The DNR at this point is not in support of the proposed kayak dock. We will continue to explore possibilities.

Land Acquisition: This is moving along and the boundary map is done.

Budgeting: The Board will be meeting Monday February 20th at 11:00am for working on the budget for next fiscal year.

New Business

February is the month for annual salary Resolutions:

- Motion to adopt Resolution # 01-2017, Salary for Township Supervisor at \$16,900, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek. The Board was polled, Stigers- abstained, Karl- yes, Coltas- yes, Davis- abstained and Huwatschek- yes. Motion carried with 3 in favor and two abstentions. Resolution #01-2017 declared adopted
- Motion to adopt Resolution # 02-2017, Salary for Township Treasurer set at \$15,700, put forth by Coltas/Stigers. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl- abstained, Coltas- yes, Davis- abstained and Huwatschek- yes. Motion carried with 3 in favor and two abstentions. Resolution #02-2017 declared adopted.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #03-2017, Salary for Township Clerk set at \$15,700, put forth by Karl/Davis. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl- yes, Coltas- abstained, Davis- abstained and Huwatschek- yes. Motion carried with 3 in favor and two abstentions. Resolution # 03-2017 declared adopted.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #04-20167, Salary for Township Trustees set at \$250.00 per meeting (12 per year), put forth by Coltas/Stigers. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl- yes, Coltas- yes, Davis- abstained and Huwatschek- abstained. Motion carried with 3 in favor and two abstentions. Resolution #04-2017 declared adopted.

In order to maintain the Township Hall new carpet and a paint job is in order. A poll was conducted on colors for the new carpet and paint with the # 3 slot winning. The carpet will be grey, green, blue mix with matching green paint.

- Motion to approve the carpeting and painting of the Township Hall up to \$10,000.00, put forth by Coltas/ Davis, the board was polled, Stigers-yes, Coltas-yes, Davis-yes, Karl-yes and Huwatschek-yes. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0-nays.

The Birding committee is applying for grants for the Bird count and signage and educational material. To this end they are asking for letters of support and a location in the park for the informational sign though out the summer months.

- Motion to for the Supervisor to send letters of support for 2 Grants for the annual hawk count and signage and educational material, put forth by Coltas/Stigers, all were in favor motion carried.

Public Comment

Our new Sherriff, Bill Loukkenen came to introduce himself and discuss the various things the department was doing and would like to accomplish. They now have a

Facebook page to let people stay on top of what they are doing. They are also hoping to establish a K-9 unit, it will take a lot of work and they are working on funding. A medical information kit is being planned to help 1st Responders take better care of the people in the County. Mr. Loukkenen would like everyone to know he has an open door policy and welcomes ideas.

Connie Eddy asked where the sign would reside in the winter months and Karen explained it would live the Township Garage.

Bill Eddy wanted to know how the wages were determined.

- Motion to pay audited bills for February in the amount of \$27,075.28 and adjourn Coltas/Karl, the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk