

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 12th, 2017

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Ned Huwatschek and Trustee Art Davis.

- 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 08/15/17 and work session of 09/07/17, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Stumps at the Lac La Belle Fire Hall

Chris Chroneworth has been looking for a place to put the stumps that were pulled from the new road and the park construction. Gina Nichols has been contacted and is willing to take them. So hopefully in October they will be gone and we can move forward with the completion of the road.

Monthly Reports

Financials

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

Utility Board

Busy summer making water and treating return water.

DDA

No Meeting

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

Next meeting will be in October.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.

No Report

LLB Fire Dept.

Fire Calls: 0

Service Calls: 0

Monthly Meeting: August 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm

- Preliminary on fish boil. Looks like about \$2500.0
- Truck #2 discussion-not passing DOT test because of steering
- Signs around hall- will hold off on some outside until work is completed
- Kids fishing tournament

Monthly meeting: August 10, 2017 6:00pm

- Prep for fish boil
- Trucks run the next day – exercise pump on truck one
- Check over equipment

Other: N/A

EMS Runs 1st Responders: 0

Old Business

MDOT would like to put up a Continuous Operating Reference System (CORS) at the Sewer Plant. They came to the Board about three years ago then went away now they are back. They are looking for a consistent quality internet and they would like us to supply power as well. These issues will have to be looked into.

The Supervisor has received an email from the State in regards to CORS

Ken,

The agreement is from the DNR and I explained the situation to the agreement writers of the situation. It will absolve the Twp. from any issues with the use of the facility/grounds by MDOT. MDOT will still need to make arrangements with a contract for the use of any Twp. Property.

As for our part; I have contacted Pasty.net about a connection and they are waiting for us to schedule an appointment. I am not sure if we will be adding on to your hardware and upgrading it to a stronger unit or adding a second one. As for power I am not sure if the ability to segment power is worth the time. If the twp. is not willing to allow us to plug in I will look at getting the electricians in to add a meter. The power usage by our device is less than 100w light bulb and normally most Government agencies don't bother because of value to the county's surveying and GIS mapping. But I am sure we can arrange some payment to compensate the Twp. For power. You have to bill the department and then they would send a payment.

Recycling

Supervisor Stigers and Trustee Huwatschek had a meeting with Waste Management on recycling. We will in the near future have single stream recycling, in Copper Harbor, to start. We hope to have something in Lac La Belle in the future once we get the bugs worked out.

New Dumpsters

We will be getting two new Compactors on October 30th or there about, and they Waste Management will take the best of the three existing Compactors and refurbish it.

New Business

Lac La Belle would like to be more pro-active in pursuit of their parks. They have three volunteers that would like to serve on this committee. The Grant Township Board is pleased to form the Lac La Belle Parks Committee to bring ideas and plans to the board to help facilitate the beautification of Lac La Belle.

- Motion to form the Lac La Belle Parks Committee and nominate Jim Valsa, Rick Olson, and Lyn Zapolnek to the new Committee. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor and motion carried 5-0.

Lac La Belle Parks Committee

The Lac La Belle Parks Committee will work to create new and improved recreational facilities in the Lac La Belle area for the residents and guests of Grant Township

Meeting held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the LLB Fire Hall. Our discussion resulted in two complementary projects that would benefit Grant Township.

Project 1: Development of Union Park

- There is no safe place around Lac La Belle for families with children to go and play. Union Park can provide this.
- Phase 1 –Clearing (removal of appropriate trees and brush) and leveling the ground in preparation for the next phases. It may be possible to work with a logger who by paying for the trees would provide project funds.
- Phase 2- Picnic tables and grills (secured in ground).
- Phase 3- Playground equipment (swings, slide, climbing set).

Project 2: Boat Dock and Kayak Launch at Fifth Street

Years ago there was a dock at Fifth Street.

Re-establishment of this dock would provide:

1. Relief for the Lac La Belle Marina when it is full.
2. A way for people to boat to and enjoy Union Park.
3. A safe location for Kayakers to enter the lake.
4. Possible rental income for Grant Township as these slips could be leased.

Potential for DNR Coastal Grant

Funding: We look forward to working with the Grant Township board to help with funding, grants and any other sources to accomplish these projects.

Jim Valsa, Rick Olson, and Lynn Zapolnek

Public Comment

The Supervisor thanked everyone for such a good turnout.

Bob Myers mentioned that there has been some logging done recently in the area where they failed to leave a buffer between the cut and the road resulting in a terrible mess. He asked if Ken could make a call on that.

Bob Myers is getting quotes for some more sound buffers for the LLB hall.

Jim Sorenson is wondering when they will fix the road out at Betsy. The Supervisor explained that, that is a County road and is not one of the roads slated to be fixed with the road millage. That is under the Road Commission funding. Then there were questions on the Mountain Lodge which we were not able to answer.

- Motion to pay audited bills for September in the amount of \$40,289.66 and adjourn Coltas/Davis, the Board was polled
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 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