

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

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Clerk Kelly Coltas, and Trustee Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek. 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 10/10/17 and work session of 11/9/17, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

December Board of review will be on Tuesday December 12th at 10:30.

CORS: is up and running at the Sewer Plant and a separate meter has been installed to monitor how much power it draws. If it is a significant amount MDOT has said they will reimburse the Township for the power costs.

County Rec Plan: Tes Auburn from Bete Gris came to the meeting to discuss the County Rec Plan, which is being updated. They would like our input and our Township Plan to incorporate with theirs. There is a survey on line that can be done or it is available in hard copy. The County also provided us with a map to mark up and play with.

Financials

No Report.

Utility Board

We are having issue with timely information updates, Supervisor Stigers will be working with our Auditor Susan Sanford on getting stuff up to date.

DDA

No Meeting

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

Minutes of the

Copper Harbor Parks Meeting

Fri., Nov. 3, 2017

Present: Kelly Coltas (Chair), Staci Gibson, Rich Jamsen, Miranda Davis and Jane Jamsen (Secretary)

Absent: Erika Vye

This last meeting of the year for the committee was called to order by Chair Coltas. The agenda involved the following items:

- 1) The recent storm damage to all the parks was discussed. The Boardwalk and 6th St. dock will need some repairs and it was suggested that at least all the debris be cleared before winter sets in. Kelly will talk to the township about this. She also suggested we consider replacing the current boardwalk with “trex” at some point in the near future. The committee agreed that we’d examine the boardwalk carefully in the spring and make a decision at that time.
- 2) Hunter’s Pt. incurred a tremendous amount of damage to the trails and the beaches. Design-O-Type is preparing “Hunter’s Pt. Trails are Closed” signs and those will be distributed soon at each of the trail entrances.
- 3) The hose at the bike wash has been shortened but the Utility Board vetoed the placement of the large rocks, mainly because of the cost. Kelly will talk with Aaron Rodgers to see if he can provide a cheaper option. Marty Faassen requested that we put down some gravel near the bike wash, especially on the north side where there is a muddy ditch most of the time. We may place gravel under the bike wash as well and Staci suggested that a type of permeable membrane placed down under the gravel would be beneficial. Kelly will bring these suggestions to the board.
- 4) The committee approved the suggestion that permanent cement pads be constructed for the bike stands in the community park. This would make it easier for summer maintenance, especially mowing.
- 5) The township currently has 3 portable fire pits. There is controversy about setting up permanent stands for these pits in the park. Rich suggested there be a user-fee and the committee felt that having a township employee do the work would be a way to insure that the pits are placed in appropriate locations in the park and then removed properly.
All committee members agreed to forward this suggestion to the township board.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Jansen

Lac La Belle to be Parks Committee

No report.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday November 1st, 2017.

There was a generalized discussion as the wheels were removed from the snowblance and winter skis put on, also summer tires were removed from side by side and tracks installed for winter use.

At the mid-month meeting for October was held on Thursday October 19th, 2017

Truck #1 was exercised and all extrication equipment was run. Truck #4 was drained in preparation for winter. There were no page outs for fire department the medical unit had a number of page outs

LLB Fire

October Report

Fire Calls: 1. Structure fire Rajaniemi residence Oct. 24th, put out by owner prior to arrival, assess home and assist with getting his wife in car. UPPCO to take tree off line and owner will contact electrician and Gas Company.

2. Tree on Power wire on Oct 24th Gay LLB Rd. near South Point, 2 locations, tied up for over 3 hours on scene with tree blocking Road.

Service Calls; 1 Squirrel in vent pipe at McColl residence Bete Grise, assisted with putting rope into pipe at owners request to allow possible escape.

EMS Runs (FD Assist): 0

Monthly meeting: October 26th at 6:00 PM

- Fish fry discussion- advertising and set up plus firemen duties.
- TV install early December.
- Tanker to be repaired by Red Power unless it becomes an issue, reason, we would need to drop an entire exhaust system to put in piece of pipe.

Monthly Training; October 12th, 6:00 pm

- Attempt to put in piece of pipe on tanker that has temp fix from Red Power. Determined we would need to drop entire exhaust to do job will notify Red Power to fix on next trip to area.
- Ran trucks and exercised pump on Pumper
- Put on pans on pumper and radiator cover, drained portables and brush truck

Old Business

Recycling: We now have two compactors (new) one for regular garbage and one for single stream recycling. The recycling is not up and running yet it still needs some work on the installation. The idea is to have an attendant one day a week for a few hours for the recycling as they are very strict on how it goes in and what goes in. This will be a learning curve for us. The cost factor is something else the Township needs to work on as well we bring in less than a third of what it cost for garbage disposal and with recycling the sales of orange bags will go down.

The cardboard recycling is still in the air as the world stage is a factor in the cost of cardboard. If it were to drop too much than it is no longer feasible. We have to weigh the cost of putting it with the single stream or bringing it to Eagle Harbor (if they continue to do cardboard)

Staci M Gibson
1028 Gratiot Street

November 7, 2017

Grant Township Board

230 Gratiot Street

Copper Harbor, MI 49918

I would like this letter to be entered into the minutes and read aloud in my absence at the November Grant Township Board Meeting.

I would like to commend the Grant Township Board for addressing the issue concerning potential hazardous emissions in the Grant Township Community Center.

It is understood that air samples were taken in the effort to identify the offending elements. Not only was that the responsible thing to do in the interest of Public Safety, it was the correct course to investigate further.

Considering the manifestations of symptoms in a number of credible individuals who regularly spend time in this area, it was prudent to take action.

I trust that the board will continue to monitor the situation and continue their due diligence in the event further testing is required. It is important that employees, residents and visitors alike have confidence that this board will take seriously any potential threat to public safety.

It is not uncommon to hear of cases where appeals to consider the possibilities of dangerous elements have fallen on deaf ears; for reasons of inconvenience, costs or sadly, an unwillingness to be bothered. It is comforting to find that members of this board take seriously its role and service to its community.

Regards,
Staci M Gibson

Air Quality Issue: With complaints from some Township employees and visitors to the Township hall having issues with being in the building the Township hired UP Engineers to do air quality testing in the Visitor Center and in the Township offices. The results are in and they could not find anything out of the ordinary, with all things showing were only showing at the lowest levels possible. The Fire Department has checked for Carbon Monoxide and Oxygen levels. RC Mechanical came out and checked the Boiler for leaks, which were negative. We have asked U.P. Engineering if there are further testing that we can do. Our Guest Tes Auburn made some suggestions and gave us a name (Audrey Morse) at Michigan Tech who might be able to direct us where to go next with this.

New Business

- Motion to approve the purchase of a Laptop Computer for the water/sewer billing clerk.

Put forth by Stigers/Huwatschek, the board was polled, Ayes-4, Nays-0, Absent-1. All were in favor Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments

Connie Eddy wanted to commend the Copper Harbor 1st Responders for the help that they have provided to her neighbors.

- Motion to pay audited bills for November in the amount of \$54,257.74 and adjourn Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

All were in favor, motion carried 4 -0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk

