

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday January 9th, 2018**

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, 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 12/12/17 and work session of 1/4/17, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Supervisor Stigers wishes everyone a happy New Year.

The first three months are very busy with BOR and Training for BOR and Budgets. Budgeting will be a challenge this year with the new chart of accounts having to be used. Also next month will be Salary Resolutions.

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

Start work on the Budget.

The Saw grant requires OHM to go over the Budget for Sewer, they will then give recommendations. We are also starting to have issues with older grinder pumps which are no longer being made.

Andrew Quackenbush is now our Recycling attendant and is very informative about what can and cannot be recycled.

DDA

Monies have been approved (1500.00) for the three groomers for the cross country ski trail and (500.00) has been approved for Danny Kauppi to pursue the Brockway Challenge Snow bike race that will be held around March 17th.

With Aaron Rogers being gone all the time it has being suggested that he be replaced on the board. Ken Stigers is going to contact him and discuss it with him.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

Aaron Rogers has been approached to do repairs to the board walk and trails on Hunter's Point.

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 January 3rd. 2018. We have a new prospect for firefighter, Forest, he needs to submit an application and then will be submitted to the Sheriff's office for a background check.

He was given a quick tour around the equipment and watched the extrication being exercised.

At the mid-month meeting for December 20th, 2017, the heat containment panels were put into place on trucks #1 and #2.

Mike gave a quick demonstration on CPR for a downed fire fighter with full turn out gear. This will be presented and demonstrated at this winter's medical training class.

There were no fire call outs for the month, Medical unit had a number of page outs.

On 1/5/18 Tom Lindeman the risk control representative from Michigan township Participating Plan had a meeting Tom Boost and everything is good.

LLB Fire

No Report

Old Business

The State is mandating that we conform to their chart of accounts, our Treasurer Karen Karl has been working on converting the present chart of accounts with the new mandated ones. She has asked out Auditor Susan Sanford what would be fair compensation for doing this and the Auditor suggested \$750.00.

- Motion to pay Treasurer Karen Karl \$750.00 upon the completion of the changeover of the chart of accounts. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled with Karen abstaining, Stigers-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, and Davis-Yes.

All voters being in favor motion carried 4-0, one abstention.

Air Quality:

We are still searching for an answer to the Air problem in the Township Hall. Clerk has done two treatments with heat in office with some improvements.

Mr. Powers has being in contact with the manufacture, they suggested pulling up tiles and smelling them. If there is and alcohol or citrus smell it could be moisture. Tiles were pulled up in the office and in the hall and no smell could be detected. The manufacture now wants us to send in tiles from various areas and they will conduct test on them.

The tiles will be sent out this week and we will wait for the results.

New Business

Brickside Brewery

Jason Robinson and Jessica Coltas are expanding their Micro-Brewery and moving the brewing part down the street to 1098 Gratiot Street. It is a matter of formality, that the State of Michigan would like a Resolution from the Township approving the license of this venture. Because of the relationship of the Township Clerk to the applicants, the Clerk will abstain from voting on this issue.

- Motion to approve Resolution #01-2018, approving the licensing of Brickside Brewery in Copper Harbor Michigan. Put forth by Art Davis and seconded by Ned Huwatschek, the Board was polled.

Ken Stigers – Yes, Karen Karl – Yes, Art Davis – Yes, Ned Huwatschek – Yes, and Kelly Coltas – Abstained.

All voters being in favor the motion is carried 4-0 and Resolution # 01-2018 is declared adopted.

- Motion to approve up to \$500.00 for BOR training and books, put forth by Coltas/Davis and the Board was polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Davis-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes. All being in favor motion was carried 5-0.

The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on Tuesday March 20th at 10:00 am and followed immediately by the Budget hearing.

Public Comments

Phoebe Winke and Margaret Kirby would like to thank the Township for the steps that they had built for the dumpster.

Art Davis would like to have hand rails added to the steps.

- Motion to pay audited bills for January in the amount of \$21,146.76 and adjourn Coltas/Karl, the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk