

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday February 13, 2018**

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 1/09/18 and work session of 02/0818, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Compactors: We have 2 new compactors that have been delivered but we are still having some hydraulic issues with them. Waste Management and Bay Electric will be rehabbing the old compactors.

March Board of Review: March 13th from 9:00 m to 3:00pm, and March 14th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Truth in Taxation and the Budget Hearing will be held on March 20th starting at 10:00 am.

The Budget workshop will be held on February 20th at 6:00 pm.

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

Working through the budgets and working with OHM on asset management who will be monitoring the budget to see if we are saving enough to manage water and sewer.

DDA

Discussed budgets for 18/19 and also discussed how to support the Copper Dog the DDA will supply hay bales.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

No report

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday February 7th, 2018. Items discussed this year's Copper Dog sled race. Those individual s that have worked the race in the past were contacted to do so this year, no other problems.

Truck#1 was exercised, along with all extrication equipment.

All SCBA's were checked for battery and air regulator problems, TIC were also checked.

At the mid -month meeting for January was led on Wednesday January 17th 2018.

Discussed demonstration for CPR with downed firefighter, by Mike with turn out gear.

Extrication items checked, gas and batteries etc.

There were no fire page outs for the month but medical unit had a member of page outs at Mt. Bohemia and in town.

LLB Fire

No Report

Old Business

Copper Harbor Kayak Site

Grant Township will apply for a DNR Recreation Passport Grant for the financing of a kayak launch site at the Copper Harbor Marina. The Passport grant program for 2018 will provide grants up to a maximum of \$150,000. The local share is a minimum of 25% of the project cost. The DNR is agreeable to having a Township Kayak launch site at this location. The DNR will issue a letter of support for the Township grant application which is due April 1, 2018. The launch site will be built off the north seawall of the Marina on the west end near the boat launch site.

John A. Sullivan P. E. will assist the township with the grant application. The preliminary design is in process. The DNR is agreeable to the Township sharing the Marina Facilities to accommodate the kayak launch site. That will include the entrance road, parking and restrooms. Currently the access to the North seawall is barrier free. The kayak launch site will be designed as barrier free.

When the DNR grant is awarded the final design will commence. A memorandum of Agreement will be executed between the DNR and Grant Township defining the responsibility of each party.

With Aaron Rogers out of town for most of the year it has become prudent to remove him from the DDA and find an alternate person as per the attendance policy of the DDA.

- Motion to remove Aaron Rogers as a member of the DDA put forth by Coltas/Stigers, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Air Quality: Several Squares of carpet have been pulled up and sent to the manufacturer for testing in their lab, they found Benzene but still below the levels considered safe by the EPA, the odd part is they do not use Benzene in the manufacture of these tiles. They have asked for more tiles and scrapings of the glue that was left on the floor from the previous carpet so they can conduct more test.

New Business

February is the month for annual salary Resolutions:

- Motion to adopt Resolution # 02-2018, Salary for Township Supervisor at \$16,900, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek. The Board was polled, Stigers- abstained, Karl- yes, Coltas- yes, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. Motion carried with 4 in favor and one abstentions. Resolution #02-2018 declared adopted
- Motion to adopt Resolution # 03-2018, Salary for Township Treasurer set at \$15,700, put forth by Coltas/Stigers. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl-

abstained, Coltas- yes, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. Motion carried with 4 in favor and one abstentions. Resolution #03-2018 declared adopted.

- Motion to adopt Resolution #04-2018, Salary for Township Clerk set at \$15,700.00, put forth by Karl/Davis. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Karl- yes, Coltas- abstained, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. Motion carried with 4 in favor and one abstentions. Resolution # 04-2018 declared adopted.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #05-2018, 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 #05-2018 declared adopted.

Township Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

Resolution # 06-2018

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Grant Township, Keweenaw County, adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement.

The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year.

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget. -Attached for current year
- 6) Meet additional eligibility requirements (Asset Test) as determined by the township board- Attached for current year

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal

guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Coltas and supported by Board Member Davis

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye:" Stigers, Karl, Coltas, Davis and Huwatschek
Nay:" 0

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Clerk

I, **Kelly Coltas** the duly elected and acting Clerk of Grant Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on **February 13, 2018**, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk

2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	POVERTY GUIDELINE
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,320 for each additional person.	
1	\$12,140
2	\$16,460
3	\$20,780
4	\$25,100
5	\$29,420
6	\$33,740
7	\$38,060
8	\$42,380

Keweenaw Point Trail Phase # 3 (Copper Harbor Trails Club)

Ben Ciavloi spoke with the Board about looking at the 2018 cycle of recreation grants. Copper Harbor Trails Clubs is looking at a \$500,000.00 grant for Phase 3 of the Keweenaw Point Trail and they are looking for support from the Board. Lori Hauswirth will be writing the grant but is no longer the executive director.

- Motion to support Phase 3 of the Keweenaw Point Trail and the pursuit of a trust fund grant for Phase 3 of the Keweenaw Point Trail, with the grant to be written

by Lori Hauswirth. Put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor so motion is carried 5-0.

Aspirus: Sharon Fisher from Aspirus came to discuss with the board the elimination of the Copperman Triathlon event due to declining number of entrants. They would still like to work with the Community for some other event with the funds that were allotted for the Copperman event. They are looking for suggestions and Karen Karl said that she would take it up with the DDA and CHIA.

Public Comment

Margaret Kirby would like to thank the board for the recycling effort and Syd Faassen seconded the statement.

- Motion to pay audited bills for February in the amount of \$28,268.05 and adjourn Coltas/Karl, the Board was polled
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk