

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 11th, 2018

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, Treasurer Karen Karl, Clerk Kelly Coltas, 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 08/14/18, and work session of 09/06/18, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Its fall and we are happy to be here in beautiful Lac La Belle.

And for football fans, the Lions have probably been eliminated.

Financials

Treasurer Karen Karl has appointed a new Deputy. Misty Filsinger is the new deputy treasurer.

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

Utility Board

Copper Harbor Utility Board, has hired two new assistants. Kurt Filsinger and Jeff Idhe. Kurt is a retired police officer, and Jeff is a retired electrical engineer from Bell Mason, he has experience with pumps electrical systems. This skill will be handy with rebuilding grinder pumps and rewiring which can all be done in house now. They will both take the water and sewer courses and get licensed.

DDA

No meeting.

They will meet in September.

Copper Harbor Parks Committee:

No meeting but Rich Jansen has done a sweep of Hunter's Point last week and all is in good shape.

There is a dead white pine in the Township Park that needs to be taken down and another one that is dying that should also be removed. Mary Jo Beveridge out Sexton has asked when the tree guys are here that there is a dead tree that needs to be removed from the Cemetery.

Lac La Belle Parks Committee:

The Parks Committee met on Sunday, September 9th, 2018 at 4:30 pm at the LLB fire hall.

Union Park:

As the available land has a varied topography, it is essential to have elevations to determine suitable locations for equipment. Once these areas are identified, some clearing and leveling will need to be done.

In the beginning, to simplify and economize, it was decided to look at basic playground equipment such as swings, slides and climbing pieces.

Two other ideas are for a volleyball court and disc golf.

Picnic tables, benches, and grills will also be included.

A location should be reserved for a future pavilion closer to the parking area.

Once costs have been determined, then funding ideas can be planned.

The committee then walked the grounds to get a preliminary view of how the land could best be used for various activities.

A clean up Weekend has been scheduled for June 22/23, 2019

Fifth Street dock & Kayak:

Information about various funding options and grants (such as the DNR Coastal Grant) needs to be acquired.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.

No report

LLB Fire Dept.

No Report

Old Business

Compactor Signs: The signs at the compactors are old and faded and we have had new signs made and they are being put up.

- Motion to have Supervisor to tell Designotype to have the signs done up. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the board was then polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes. Ayes-5, Nays-0, Absent-0. All were in favor motion is carried.

Grant Township WWTP Emergency Modification Grant Amendment:

The Township is entering into a contract with OHM to be the engineer of the plant modifications and the Township also must amend the SRF Grant application with the DEQ because of the need to add on the repairs to the large lagoon as a backup plan.

- Motion to amend the Emergency Modification Grant to a total of \$39,000.00 addition to SPHRP Grant Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the board was then polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes. Ayes-5, Nays-0, Absent-0. All were in favor motion is carried.

New Business

Contract with H.J. Umbaugh & Associates: These are Financial Advisers and it is advised when doing SRF Loans it is a good idea to work with and advisor.

- Motion to approve the Supervisor to sign a letter of engagement with H.J Umbaugh & Associates. Put forth by Coltas/Davis, the board was then polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes. Ayes-5, Nays-0, Absent-0. All were in favor motion is carried

- Motion to allow Supervisor to conduct negotiations with OHM to be the engineering firm for the SRF Project of the WWTP plan. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the board was then polled, Stigers-Yes, Karl-Yes, Coltas-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes. Ayes-5, Nays-0, Absent-0. All were in favor motion is carried.

We have two new members to appoint to the DDA.

- Motion to approve the appointment of Gregg Meilcarz and Tom Weirsciak to the Board of the DDA. Put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, motion carried and they are appointed.

Public Comment

Bob Myers: Dumpsters are full and needs to be changed. They are having issues with the compactor as it does not always functions as it should. It functions backwards.

Bill Eddy: Wanted to thank Ken and Zane for all the effort with the sewer project.

There is also a proposed land swap with the American Forest Management and the State. They want to swap land in Keweenaw County for other property. It would be good for the County, as it keeps the land in public domain. They would also get PILT money instead of CFR. If it does not happen then the land will be sectioned off and sold privately which could block public access.

- Motion to pay audited bills for September in the amount of \$32,374.19 and adjourn Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Ken Stigers - Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas - Grant Township Clerk