

## **GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Held at the Grant Township Hall  
230 Gratiot Street  
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918  
Minutes for Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Treasurer Karen Karl called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Present were, Treasurer Karen Karl, Clerk Kelly Coltas, and Trustee Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek. Supervisor Ken Stigers 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 6/13/2019 and there was no work session this month, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

### **Supervisor's Remarks**

July Board of Review next Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:30 am

### **Financials**

The Treasurer gave her report: General-\$464,305.48, Fire-\$419,255.73, DDA-\$92,131.58

- Motion to approve the financial Reports, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek the Board was polled  
Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1  
All were in favor, motion carried 4\_ -0.
- **Utility Board**
- Amongst issue discussed were water forgiveness for various customers and waste water adjustments.

### **DDA**

- Misty Filsinger is now the new DDA treasurer. Kirk Filsinger is now a board member. Becky Weeks was given up to \$250.00 for new maps for the welcome center. Treasurer report \$93,636.52.

### **The Copper Harbor Parks Committee**

#### **Copper Harbor Parks Committee Meeting, 6/30/2019**

Present: Kelly Coltas (Chair), Jane Jamsen (Secretary), Rich Jamsen, Erica Vye

Absent: Miranda Davis; Staci Gibson

- 1) Staci Gibson has resigned from this committee because of her other responsibilities in town. A replacement will be found sometime soon.
- 2) The boardwalks at Hunter's Pt. need extensive work. Aaron is in town and will have a crew working on them shortly. Even though he is donating some time and supplies we will write up a bill for his work. Rich and Jane cleared most of the windfall on the paths earlier this spring and Tom will help out at the park as soon as he is able.

- 3) The new cedar trees that were planted at the Community Park are not doing well. We may try adding lime to the soil. If the trees do not survive, the area will just be grassed over.
- 4) Some large dead white pines have been removed from the Community Park and a third is not doing well. We will solicit suggestions on its replacement.
- 5) Our township supervisor has spoken with MJO and they will remove the tracks and pull-house from the 10<sup>th</sup> St. dock area this year. Some of the possibilities for improvement of that sight include adding a fish-cleaning station with a water bucket, a trash can (for 10<sup>th</sup> St. and 3rd St. areas), and maybe even 1 or 2 picnic tables.
- 6) There was discussion about the property lines around some of our water-access parks, especially the 10 St. dock. A motion was made and unanimously approved to have the 10<sup>th</sup> St. area surveyed so public access is well defined. At some point, we will make sure those areas are clearly marked so that the adjacent property owners' property is respected.
- 7) Tom has ordered new signs for the Hunter's Pt. park bathrooms and the leak at the bathroom has been repaired.
- 8) Because there have been some problems with the movable pavilion at the Community Park, the chair proposed that we have a permanent structure there. Kelly had designs and estimated costs (around \$63,000) of this cedar structure, which were viewed and discussed. The committee attendees then walked the park to find the most suitable possible location of this pavilion and that seems to be on the northwest side, approximately midway between the existing pavilion and the highway where it would face SSE. The final dimensions and location will be decided on at a later point as Kelly will first present this idea to the board. The committee will be involved in those further decisions.
- 9) There is still a problem with damage caused by the resident beaver at Hunter's Pt. This will have to be monitored so that the issue can be solved.
- 10) Rich made a suggestion to put the public accesses on the Hunter's Pt. map. All committee members agreed. Because of the close proximity to residents, we also suggested that a few signs, maybe like "Please Respect People's Privacy" should be placed in these areas.
- 11) A question arose as to where public access to the 6<sup>th</sup> St. dock actually is. Someone will look into this.
- 12) For the long term, what to do about the parking of the Harbor Haus dock at the 10<sup>th</sup> St. dock was discussed. No decision was made but conversations with the Twardzik family will probably resolve the situation.

### **Lac La Belle to be Parks Committee**

The whole committee is not here yet but they did have their park clean up days. Seven people showed up and they were able to clean up a lot of trash and did some brushing. There is a lot more that needs to be done. The committee is working with the Road Commission and they said they would have people clean up and brush the right of ways. There is still the issue of people abusing the Marina in Lac La Belle. There are 5 trailers that have taken up residence there and there is not to be any overnight parking.

There is also several boats that are permanently parked there. The state would like to get signage done so people know the rules but they are being a tad slow. So some poking and whining will have to commence.

### **Public Safety**

#### **CH Fire Dept.:**

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

Items discussed: July, 4<sup>th</sup> parade, the cook out and the fireworks at dark,

Public safety day will be on July 20<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4 pm. The next meeting will be extrication practice, they will perform and extrication demonstration on the public safety day.

Upcoming art in the park in August.

At themed month meeting for June was held on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Township summer clean up filled 3 dumpsters.

The yearly Spaghetti Dinner was a success.

At the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities all the vehicles were exercised.

Coming up in August will be our 5 year insurance reclassification visit I.S.O.

There was an assist page for the fire department, and many medical call outs.

#### **LLB Fire**

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Fish Boil will be held in Lac La Belle on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from Noon until Six. Everyone come it will be lots of fun.

#### **Old Business**

Sewage Lagoon Project: Zane Hyrkas gave an update on the Lagoon project.

MJO has been working for a few weeks now, they finished with the sludge and sand removal and since the sludge was in a dried state it was much easier to remove and will save a lot of money. They are down to removing all the old pipes.

#### **New Business**

##### **No new business**

##### **Public Comment**

The Lac La Belle Parks Committee asked if the Lac La Belle dumpster days could be posted on the Township website. Also the current recycling days.

- Motion to pay audited bills for July in the amount of \$183,599.68 and adjourn Coltas/Davis, the Board was polled

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

All were in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Ken Stigers  
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas  
Grant Township Clerk