

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held at the Lac La Belle Fire Hall

6314 Superior Street

Lac La Belle, Michigan 49950

Minutes for Thursday September 10th. 2019

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:00p.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 8/13/19 and work session of 09/05/19 put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Power Meters, new and improved; UPPCO meters will be installed shortly. More info on the new meters can be found on UPPCO's website.

Financials

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| General fund | \$433,228.12 |
| Fire millage | \$418,879.95 |
| DDA | \$84,454.00 |

- Motion to approve financial report 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

Lagoon #1 is completed and has begun filling. Work is progressing on the second lagoon and should be completed by mid-October 2019. Whole project should be completed by beginning of November 2019.

Polyphosphate is to be induced into the water system soon. This is being done because of dissolved oxygen is corroding the pipes and the copper levels are too high.

DDA

No quorum.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

No report.

Lac La Belle to be Parks Committee

Still having on going issues with persons violating the parking of trailers for an extended period of time at the Lac La Bella state marina. They have addressed this issue with the DNR and the possibility of posting signs to no effect.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

No report.

LLB Fire

Held their regular monthly meeting. They are also pursuing a grant for a bush tanker truck.

Their fund raising Fish Boil was a resounding success!

Old Business

WWTF update:

Project is on schedule. Primary lagoon is complete. 2nd lagoon will be completed by mid-October 2019. Total project completion target is beginning of November 2019.

Trash Attendant in Lac La Belle

There is a need for a trash attendant. Too many people not following policy and abusing the compactor. The attendant would be paid \$13.50 an hour for 6 hours a week. Cameras to be installed with face recognition technology and violators will be prosecuted.

New Business

The Treasurer Karen Karl has handed in her resignation letter. She will be resigning on September 30th, 2019. The Deputy Treasurer has being trained and the Township will be happy to appoint her to the position. She in turn will be appointing Karen Karl as her Deputy.

- Motion to accept the Treasurer resignation effective September 30th, 2019. Put forth by Coltas/Stigers, the Board was polled
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
All were in favor, motion carried 4 -0.
- Motion to appoint Misty Filsinger to fulfill the remaining term of the Treasurer, put forth by Coltas/ Huwatschek, the Board was polled
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
All were in favor, motion carried 4 -0.

The County has sent the L-4029 to us with the millage for next year, every year is adjusts according to economic factors. The millage will be as follows

ALLOC-2.35

XVOTED Operating-3.9073

XVOTED Fire-1.9536

- Motion to approve the L-4029 for 2019, put forth by Coltas/Davis, the Board was polled
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
All were in favor, motion carried 4 -0.

There was an oops between the Utility Board and the Utility Billing Clerk, and so some of the Water Sewer Rates are not accurate, with this motion we are bringing the rates into line of what they should have been.

Water will go from \$7.60 per 1000gal to \$7.70 per 1000

Sewer Admin will go from \$12.36 per month to \$12.40 per month for 6 months.

- Motion to adopt the changes to Water and Sewer Admin put forth by Coltas/Stigers, the Board was polled
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
All were in favor, motion carried 4 -0.

We have received a new contract with our Assessor Mark Erhart. The old contract expired last January.

- Motion to approve the Supervisor to sign the new contract with Mark Erhart, put forth by Coltas/Davis,, the Board was polled
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
All were in favor, motion carried 4 -0.

Public Comments

Todd Holstom from the Economic development committee informed the board about expanding broadband service. Baraga Telephone Co. is pursuing two grants to bring fiber optic broad band service to Eagle Harbor, Copper Harbor, Lac La Belle and Gay. It will be another 6 months until they hear back about the grants. There is also an Economic Development survey on Survey Monkey.

Jane Jamsen brought up the issue of ATV's on Brockway Mountain Drive. She brought up numerous safety concerns.

Rich Jamsen inquired about the removal of tracks at the 10th street dock. Ken Stigers informed him that MJO is planning on attending to that issue.

Ned Huwatschek brought to the attention of the public that Wendell Carlson will be wintering elsewhere. He has been a long time resident as well as a good neighbor and he will be missed.

- Motion to pay audited bills for September in the amount of \$71,631.26 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 6:39 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk