

## **GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Held at the Grant Township Hall  
230 Gratiot Street  
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918  
Minutes for Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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 Misty Filsinger, Clerk Kelly Coltas, and Trustee Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek.

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek all were in favor \_-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 09/10/19 and work session of 10/03/19 put forth by Coltas/ Huwatschek, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

### **Supervisor's Remarks**

Trail Improvements: Rock Solid presenting, There will be a town hall meeting to discuss the future of recreational trail development for both human powered and motorized trails with in Keweenaw County. This is the vision of the Copper Harbor Trails Club to establish extensive new trail corridors relying on the support of a wide variety of partners with the hope to share ideas on how to make this vision a reality. Please come to the presentation at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge October 15 at 6:30 pm and learn about the goals for maintaining and enhancing Copper Harbor's standing as a top trail destination in the Midwest and beyond.

### **Financials**

- Motion to approve the financial Reports, put forth by Coltas/Stigers the Board was polled, Ayes-4 Nays-0, 1 Abstain, Art Davis. Motion carried 4-0.
- General fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Fire Millage \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- DDA \$68847.16

### **Utility Board**

Saw Grant: Current grinder pumps are so outdated that there is no way to repair all. New grinder pumps will be installed in phases.

Water System: Polyphosphate will be introduced in to the water system to stop pipe corrosion caused by dissolved in the water. This should take place within 30 to 60 days pending EGLE approval per OHM engineering time line.

### **DDA**

Public notices have been posted for the Copper Harbor DDA budget and planning meeting for 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019. This will be held at 6:00 pm at the Grant Township Community building.

## **The Copper Harbor Parks Committee**

No Report.

## **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 OCT, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Truck was exercised by Forrest, he had not driven the vehicle. The trucks tank of water was drained and a fittings were checked before winter. The truck will be placed in the old tanker barn before November snow.

At our mid-month meeting for September was held on Wednesday September 18th, 2019. Truck #2 was exercised, foam system was run and checked. Replaced hose and topped off foam tank.

All extrication equipment on truck #1 was exercised.

There were no fire page outs the past month. The medical unit had numerous page outs.

## **LLB Fire**

No report

## **Old Business**

Waste Water Update: On schedule. Finishing sand base for liner. Some new equipment for the control room was added.

Kayak Launch: Although we were ranked high on points other projects were chosen over the Kayak launch. Since then we have lost over 50 points in scoring and probably will have to wait up to 5 years for said grant.

## **New Business**

With the retirement of the Township Treasurer (Karen Karl) the retirement fund must be settled with Municipal Retirement Fund. Since it is midyear there were advanced fund put in, but since Karen is continuing to do some web site development for the township there will be no charge incurred until after October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

- Motion to exchange the balance of the retirement fund of \$1,196.64 for work done on the township website. Put forth by Coltas/ **Huwatschek**, the Board was polled  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

There is to be training in Marquette at the end of this month and the Treasurer and Deputy will be attending for two days.

- Motion to have Treasurer and Deputy attend seminar for BS&A not to exceed \$400.00, put forth by Coltas/Davis, the Board was polled  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
All were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

The Deputy Clerk will be attending a required QVF training for elections in Lansing at the end of this month.

- Motion to have Deputy Clerk attend election training not to exceed \$1,500.00 at the end of October. Put forth by Coltas/Filsinger, the Board was polled  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

In the continuing effort to improve transactions in the Treasurers department the Township is examining the idea of a check reader so that deposits can be made in a timely fashion. The cost of the check reader is about \$75.00 per month.

- Motion to approve and implement the installation of a check reader for the township with a cost of roughly \$75.00 per month, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

In light of the transfer of power between Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, it behooves the Township to remove Karen Karl from the Bank Accounts , CD's and any other fiduciary items and put Misty Filsinger on, including the transfer of all passwords on line and off, so they can be changed.

- Motion to approve the removal of old Treasurer and the addition of the new Treasurer on all Bank accounts, put forth by Coltas/Davis, the Board was polled  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

### **Public Comment**

Concerned citizens to include Jane Jamsen, Janet Shea, and Becky Weeks expressed their concerns about the issue of ATV/ORV safety and their impacts upon infrastructure and quality of life in Copper Harbor. Specifically how it impacts the serene beauty of the top of Brockway Mountain.

Bill Eddie also spoke on the issue. He brought up the fact that Copper Harbor is a tourist economy and the fact no accident have been reported in his memory.

- Motion to pay audited bills for October in the amount of \$313,692.62 and adjourn Coltas/Filsinger, the Board was polled  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
All were in favor, motion carried 5-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Ken Stigers  
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas  
Grant Township Clerk