

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday November 12th, 2019**

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 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 5-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 10/08/19 and work session of 11/07/19 put forth by Coltas/ Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

December BOR is the 10th of December at 10:30 am for 1 hour.

Financials

- Motion to approve the financial Reports as given, put forth by Coltas/Stigers the Board was polled
Ayes: 0
Nays: 5
Absent: 0
All were in against approving as we have many questions on end of year stuff, motion failed 5 -0.
- General fund \$393,950.21
- Fire Millage \$423,653.04
- DDA 63,011.17

Utility Board

EGLE and the EPA were good to us when we have our lagoon failure, offering us 75% forgiveness for the whole project.

Several years ago OHM was contracted to do an asset management program for us. The State wanted the community to take advantage of this, they also did a rate overhaul that they want us to adhere to in order to maintain our system. They recommend that the readiness to server go up by 43%, admin go up 35% and commodity charge go up 35%. Part of what is driving this is the age of our grinders, they have already out lived there suggest life span by 10 years. This is still in the works but if we do not go with what is recommended the State could refuse loan help if there is any problems

DDA

No action just discussions.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

Rails and winch house have finally being removed and taken away.

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 November 6, 2019. Winterization of truck #4 with 200 gallons of water was drained. Vehicle #5 side x side water tank- 75 gallons was drained and drop in unit removed from back of vehicle.

The summer tires from side x side were swapped out for winter tracks. All the snowbulance summer tires were removed and replaced with winter skies. All SCBA packs were tested and air and batteries were inspected and some questionable batteries replaced.

At our mid-month meeting for October was held on Wednesday 10/16/19. Truck #1 and #2 was exercised after the yearly D.O.T. inspections and fluids being changed that day. All pump tests and truck inspections were good all passed. There were no fire page outs for October and one fire page out so far in November. The medical unit had numerous page outs for the month.

LLB Fire

No report

Old Business

WWTF Update: Both Lagoons are now done and the fence is in and the new road is up to grade, still working on the new UV unit in Plant. We can treat 80,000 gallons a day. There are issues with the curtain in the primary Lagoon as it was damaged in a wind storm. Next Thursday there will be a punch list meeting we have done well financially and are well with in all parameters. We have now stopped discharging.

Kayak Launch: In the new round of grants we have only received 160 points compared with last year's 210. It does not bode well.

The County Board will be having a public hearing tomorrow at 6:30 pm on the ATV ordinance.

New Business

Conveyance Resolution #24-2019 Allowing Mr. and Mrs. Baldauf to rehabilitate the existing pier and crib dock at their property as Grant Township is the local unit of Government and the State of Michigan requires approval from the local unit for the property owner to file a bottomland conveyance application.

- Motion to adopt Resolution #24-2019 allowing Mr. and Mrs. Baldauf to file for a bottomland conveyance to rehabilitate the existing pier and crib dock at their property at Smith Fisheries. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, the Board was polled
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.
Resolution #24-2019 declared adopted.

We are establishing a new committee for the Township. This is a Sidewalk Committee. Members: Sam Raymond, Amanda Wias, Barb Foley, Kirk Filsinger Art Davis, Ken Stigers and Jeff Radcliff from KIA. First Meeting was 11/11/19 at 10:00am. Both MDOT and the County need to be involved in this project.

There will be a Special use permit Public Hearing at 4:00 pm December 3rd, 2019 at the Keweenaw County Courthouse in Eagle River.
The applicant "Black Bear Inc." is applying for a special use permit to operate a campground in Lac La Belle

The Township is looking at a new phone system, the quote came in at \$3,509.00.

- Motion to move forward with the new phone system for \$3509.00. Installation will start in the beginning of January 2020, put forth by Coltas/Stigers, the Board was polled
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
All were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Bill Eddie wanted to congratulate the Board on the Lagoon project and the for-thought in putting a two year project into one to get the best deal from the State for 75% savings over all, and getting it done on time and within the financial parameters.

Kirk Filsinger wanted to mention that it was great to get the rails and winch house removed from the 10th street dock but was disappointed the Harbor Haus once again is storing their Dock on Township property and fears this sets a bad precedent.

- Motion to pay audited bills for November in the amount of \$281,788.77 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 6:53 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk