

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday February 11th, 2020**

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 Greg Mielcarz, and Trustee Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek.

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Mielcarz/Huwatschek all were in favor 5-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 1/8/19 and work session of 2/7/19, put forth by Mielcarz/Davis, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

The dates and times for the board of review are as follows;

Monday March 9 th 2020	3:00pm to 9:00pm
Wednesday March 11 th 2020	9:00am to 3:00pm

The Tuesday March 10th 2020 regular Township Board meeting has been changed to Thursday March 12th 2020 due to the Primary elections on the 10th.

Financials:

General Fund	\$630,787.74
Fire	\$468,714.55
DDA	\$61,670.31

Utility Board

Addressed issues regarding the addition of ortho polyphosphate to the water system. This will mitigate the oxygen levels that are corrosive to the copper pipes in the water system. This will keep the copper from leaching into the water system.

The utility board is working on the water and sewer budgets for the new fiscal year.

DDA

The DDA is still working on replacing the grinder pumps. Will have a better estimate after the DDA budget is completed for the new fiscal year. The board was asked by Don Kauppi to support the funding of repairs to the Lake Linden and Freda snowmobile loops.

These were damaged due to the Father's Day Flood and no FEMA money may be used. The board agreed to support this initiative. A staff member of State Rep Gregory Markkanen was given a letter asking for support at the meeting.

Mike Musiel presented the board with a detailed plan to improve the quality and range of the current WI-FI system.

All grooming gasoline needs are to come out of the Grant Township general fund as the Grizzly and groomer are owned by the Township.

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee

No report

Lac La Belle to be Parks Committee

No report

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

No report

LLB Fire

No report

Old Business

- The pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Design Services is meeting on Friday February 11, 2020 for bids on the project.

To keep up with the Michigan's new requirements we need to do the follow resolutions to stay current.

- Motion to adopt resolution # 01-2020, Resolution for guideline for poverty exemption. Put for by Mielcarz/Huwatschek, the Board was Polled, Stigers-Yes, Filsinger-Yes, Meilcarz-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes, Yeas-5, Nays-0, Absent-0. All were in favor motion is carried, Resolution #01-2020 is declared adopted.

New Business

- Motion made by Stigers/Filsinger to accept mailed board of review documents. The Board was Polled, Stigers-Yes, Filsinger-Yes, Meilcarz-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, and Davis-Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

There is a Budget workshop on February 26th 2020 at 10:00am followed by a truth in taxation meeting. A Budget hearing will follow.

February is the month for annual salary Resolutions:

- Motion to adopt Resolution #02-2020, Salary for Township Trustees set at salary of \$3300.00 per year (12 meetings per year \$275.00 per meeting), put forth by Meilcarz/Filsinger. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Filsinger- yes, Meilcarz yes, Davis- abstained and Huwatschek- abstained. All were in favor motion carried 3-0, with two abstentions. Resolution #02-2020 is declared adopted.
- Motion to adopt Resolution # 03-2020, Salary for Township Treasurer set at \$16,300, put forth by Meilcarz/Davis. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Filsinger abstained, Mielcarz- yes, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0, with one abstention. Resolution #03-2020 is declared adopted.
- Motion to adopt Resolution #04-2020 Salary for Township Clerk set at \$16,300.00, put forth by Stigers/Huwatschek. The Board was polled, Stigers- yes, Filsinger- yes, Meilcarz- abstained, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0, with one abstention. Resolution #04-2020 is declared adopted.
- Motion to adopt Resolution # 05-2020, Salary for Township Supervisor at \$22,000.00, put forth by Meilcarz/Huwatschek. The Board was polled, Stigers- abstained, Filsinger- yes, Mielcarz- yes, Davis- yes and Huwatschek- yes. All were in favor motion carried 4-0, with one abstention. Resolution #05-2020 is declared adopted.

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

- Motion to have Deputy Clerk attend election training not to exceed \$1,000.00 at the end of October. Put forth by Mielcarz/Filsinger, the Board was Polled, Stigers-Yes, Filsinger-Yes, Meilcarz-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes, Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

The Treasurer will be going to Marquette for a Quick books seminar to improve her skills. The hotel and food bills will be taken care of next month when she turns in her receipts. Her mileage will be paid this month.

- Motion to approve Treasurers Marquette trip not to exceed \$300.00 put forth by Meilcarz/Huwatschek, the Board was Polled, Stigers-Yes, Filsinger-Yes, Meilcarz-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes, Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.
- The Deputy Clerk must have a onetime election training which will be held in Marquette this week. Her mileage will be on this month's bills and all other receipts will be submitted next month. Not to exceed \$300.00, put forth by

Mielcarz/Stigers, the Board was Polled, Stigers-Yes, Filsinger-Yes, Meilcarz-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes,

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

The Clerk will be attending the MTA seminar in Traverse City in April the cost for the annual seminar is \$778.85.

- Motion to approve the Clerk attending the annual MTA seminar in April for an amount of \$778.85, put forth by Meilcarz/Stigers, the Board was Polled, Stigers-Yes, Filsinger-Yes, Meilcarz-Yes, Huwatschek-Yes, Davis-Yes,

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

- New national mileage reimbursement is now \$0.57 per mile.

Public Comment

Kirk Filsinger brought up the condition of the 3rd street dock. It will be blocked off until it can be attended to in the spring.

- Motion to pay audited bills for February in the amount of \$25,941.78 and adjourn Mielcarz/Davis, the Board was polled

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

All were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Greg Mielcarz
Grant Township Clerk