

## **GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Held at the Grant Township Hall  
230 Gratiot Street  
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918  
Minutes for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 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 2/11/2020 and work session of 2/7/19, put forth by Meilcarz/Davis all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

### **Supervisor's Remarks**

**The Board of review** was held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 from 3:00pm until 9:00pm. The next session was held on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March,2020, From 9:00am until 3:00pm.

### **Financials:**

General Fund	\$840,262.92
Fire	\$487,952.50
DDA	\$34,658.91

### **Utility Board**

The utility board finalized the budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Headway is being made on the grinder pumps. MJO will come out in spring to run a finalized punch list.

### **DDA**

- Roll call; Greg Mielcarz, Ken Stigers, Tom Wierciak, Jeff Gilmore, Don Kauppi, Alex Protzel, Kirk Filsinger and Art Davis  
Absent; Ed Tulppo.
  - CHIA advertising report.  
Staci Gibson, Peg Kauppi and Stacia Lynn attended the DDA meeting to report on how their funds from the DDA were spent and to ask for more funding from the DDA. They requested \$25,000.00 for advertising. The Board Approved \$10,000.00.

- Motion made by Mielcarz/Kauppi to approve the funding of \$10,000.00 for the CHIA AD Committee.
- Motion made by Davis/Gilmore for paying off the remaining \$20,460.00 DDA 2003 Bond for Welcome Center
- Motion made by Mielcarz/Davis to Approve the 2020-2021 DDA fiscal year
- Motion to increase Becky Weeks hourly pay rate to \$13.50 an hour

**All motions passed 8-0**

### **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 was held on Wed. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Truck #1 was exercised. Water and foam system operated; all extraction equipment was also run-all in good operating condition. Reviewed this year's Copper Dog event. State vehicle driving class was attended by 3 members, all passed the class. More to follow. The State boiler inspection finally happened, everything in good working order for the next 3 years.

The upcoming Brockway Mt race is Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup> 2020. Medical and trail support from the CHFD will be positioned on the trail. Also the annual Spaghetti dinner will be held on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, From 5 to 8 pm at the Mariner North – pending future health conditions.

At the mid-month meeting in Feb. 2020 we proceeded to the west end of the Harbor to practice ice rescue. Ice was 10"- 12" thick.

Both candidates passed the FF II class this winter.

Both Trucks 1 and 2 were exercised during the Ice rescue practice.

There was one page out for the Fire Dept. from the Sheriff's Dept. to bring two persons off the Mountain from a stuck vehicle. The medical unit had a number of page outs for the month.

### **LLB Fire**

No report

### **Old Business**

**Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Design Services committee** has been making good progress on their planning. There are two companies are bidding on the project. Also perusing an MDOT tap grant.

**Grant extension for land purchase.** The Township is moving ahead to purchase property from Lake Manganese up to the Mountain Lodge and another 7 acers from Clyde Westcoat.

**The CHTC is working with The Keweenaw Adventure Company and Rock-Solid Trail Builders** to establish an environment that educates the Mountain Bikers about the rules of the road. They will use peer pressure and signage to foster a more respectful attitude.

**The CHTC** has also suggested installing changing structure for the Mountain bikers and painting road lines to help keeping Second street less congested.

## **New Business**

- **Motion** Made by Davis/ Mielcarz for Grant Township Supervisor to negotiate a purchase agreement with the Jaaskelainen family to acquire property as described; GH7-6 R Lots 13, 14, and 15 BLK 7 and abandon 7<sup>th</sup> ST Plat of the town of Copper Harbor. The board was polled.

Yeas 5

Nays 0

The motion is carried.

**Date for lean up days will be June 20nd and 21st, 2020.**

**The CHIA AD committee was budgeted \$10,000.00 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.**

## **Public Comment.**

**Melissa Davis** from the New Power Tour, Inc. Will be hosting Casual conversations about energy at the Grant Township Community Center on Thursdays March Through May 2020. Starting March 19<sup>th</sup>. (no meetings on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>). Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

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- Motion to pay audited bills for March 2020 in the amount of \$166,118.92 and adjourn Mielcarz/Davis, the Board was polled  
Ayes: Stigers, Filsinger, Davis, Mielcarz and Huwatschek.  
Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0  
All were in favor, motion carried 5-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Ken Stigers  
Grant Township Supervisor

Greg Mielcarz  
Grant Township Clerk