

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held at the Grant Township Hall
230 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918
Minutes for Tuesday November 10th 2020

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Clerk Greg Mielcarz, Art Davis Trustee, Trustee Ned Huwatschek. And Treasurer Misty Filsinger by tele conference.

- **Motion** to adopt Agenda put forth by Mielcarz/Davis. All were in favor 5-0 motion carried.
- **Motion** to Approve minutes of board meeting of 10/13/2020 made by Mielcarz/Huwatschek . Treasurer Filsinger abstained. All others were in favor. The motion is carried 4-0
- **Motion** to approve 11/10/2020 work session minutes Mielcarz/Davis. Treasurer Filsinger abstained. All others were in favor. The motion is carried 4-0.

Supervisor's Remarks and Comments

- December Board of Review will be on 12/15/2020 at 10:30 am.
- The Supervisor publicly thanked all Veterans for their service.
- John Kronquist is making a generous donation of a Fresnel lens to be displayed at the community center until it placed out at the Copper Harbor light house in the summer.

Financials: N/A

General Fund	\$
Fire	\$
DDA	\$

Not approved by the Grant Township Board

Utility Board .

Motion to appoint Bob Pokorski as new member Copper Harbor Utility Board Member made by Mielcarz/Stigers. The Board was polled;

Stigers	Aye
Mielcarz	Aye
Huwatschek	Aye
Davis	Aye
Filsinger	Aye.

All were in favor 5-0 motion carried.

DDA

No Report

The Copper Harbor Parks Committee
No Report

Lac La Belle to be Parks Committee
No report.

Public Safety

Copper Harbor Fire Dept.

First off to recap a number of things the Dept. did this summer. In September we went to lake Medora to back flush the dry hydrant. Portable pumps were exercised. New drivers were allowed to drive trucks for practice time. Also, in September portable and floating pumps were run from the drop tank. Trucks #1 and #2 were serviced by North Star Vehicle Service. Pump tests, fluids and lights were checked.

I October hydrant practice with truck#1 and foam system was exercised. Old tanker #3 was drained of water and all fluids were checked and placed in old tanker barn on November 1st. Additional driving instruction was also done. Extrication equipment was run from Truck#1.

The regular monthly meeting was held on November 4th 2020. Also, SCBA units were checked, along with thermal imaging camaras serviced and checked.

The side by side water tank will be removed later in November along with tires and winter tracks to be on SBS and rescue sled.

The Fire Dept. had one page out for assistance for downed trees on U.S. 41. The Medical unit has had a number of pages outs the past 2 months.

LLB
No report

Old Business

Grant Township Board Financial Project Update.

C F Johnson and Jody Toutant updated the Board on the project.

- Prepare and adjust accounting files for Audit.
- Assist staff with monthly accounting processes.
- Train staff on use of accounting system.
- Have staff be able to prepare accurate and complete monthly, quarterly and annual Financial Statements.

New Power Tour.

Melissa Davis came and discussed EV charging locations and MSU Regional Economic Innovation Fellowship.

Mercy 8;

Mercy ambulance services is asking for insurance help on the Vehicle. The issue was tabled until next month so we can work with Eagle Harbor Township on insurance splits.

New Business:

- **Motion** to approve up to \$2,000.00 for a new computer for the Township Deputy Clerk made by Mielcarz/Davis. The Board was polled:
Stigers Aye
Mielcarz Aye
Huwatschek Aye
Davis Aye
Filsinger Aye
All were in favor the motion carries 5-0.

Copper dog race will be held on the 26th thru the 28th of February 2021.

- **Motion** to not rent the park or community center until the COVID-19 crises has passed or when the Township Board believes it is safe made by Mielcarz/Stigers. The Board was polled;
Stigers Aye
Mielcarz Aye
Huwatschek Aye
Davis Aye
Filsinger Aye
All were in favor and the motion is carried 5-0.

A 238-foot cell tower is being erected in Eagle Harbor township that will also reach Copper Harbor.

- **Motion** for Resolution to rename Copper Harbor Park made by Davis/Stigers.

Resolution #08-2020

Resolution honoring the memory of Captain Donald Robert Kilpela.

Whereas, the Grant Township Board was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Donald “Donny” Robert Kilpela; and

Whereas, Donny Kilpela was a resident and business owner in Copper Harbor for 50 years; and

Whereas, Donny Kilpela enriched the Copper Harbor area with his tireless service to the community; and

Whereas, his service including starting/maintaining the Copper Harbor Holiday Lights display (~12 years), running the July 4th kids games (30+ years), starting/maintaining a Lake Superior Day event in Copper Harbor, and many years creating/maintaining the community Ice rink; and

Whereas, the Grant Township Board chooses to honor him for these above-mentioned accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Township Board officially names the public square in Copper Harbor the DONNY KILPELA MEMORIAL PARK; and;

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Grant Township Board as a permanent record and presented to the family of Donny Kilpela with sincerest sympathy and appreciation.

Adopted this 10th day of November, 2020.

RESOLUTION PUT FORTH BY
SUPPORTED BY

DAVIS
STIGERS

The Board was polled;

Stigers Aye
Mielcarz Aye
Huwatschek Aye
Davis Aye
Filsinger Aye

All were in favor the motion carries 5-0

Public Comments

No public comments

- **Motion** to approve audited bills in the amount of \$73,607.03 and adjourn made by Mielcarz/Huwatschek. The board was polled;

Stigers Aye

Mielcarz Aye

Huwatschek Aye

Davis Aye

Filsinger Aye

- 5 Ayes 0 nays motion is carried.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Greg Mielcarz
Grant Township Clerk