



Grant Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021 6:00 pm
Grant Township Community Center
220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918
Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance. 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Supervisor Scott Wendt, Clerk Greg Mielcarz, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Trustee Ned Huwatschek and Trustee Art Davis by Go to meeting

Agenda Additions and Approval

1. **Motion** to Approve agenda made by Mielcarz/Huwatschek. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0
2. **Motion** to Approve 10-12-21 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Made by Wendt/Mielcarz. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisors' Remarks and Correspondence

Supervisor's Open Office Hours (always 2 and 3rd Sat)

CH	Nov 13	10am-12
LLB	Nov 20	10am-12

Brief Public Comment

Department Reports

1. Financial
 - a. Treasurer Report

General	\$409,169.49
Fire	\$383,508.33
DDA	\$78,608.79
 - b. Clerk Report

Sewer	\$3,907.62
Water	\$19,534.68
Fire	\$12,655.06
General	\$20,889.86
2. Utility Board

3.

Call To Order: 9:02AM
Present: Bob Pokorski, Scott Wendt, Mike Borlee, Greg Mielcarz, and Jeff Coltas.

Also Present: Chris Musiel and Misty Filsinger
Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, motion to approve minutes with changes by Scott Wendt seconded by Mike Borlee, all in favor.

Changes: (1% not 10% , there was a treasurer's report and Chris Musiel is not a board member.)

Discussion: When we sell a grinder to a customer, we need to make sure the funds are coded to the proper account. Tom will make sure that happens.

Past Due: There is one account past due at this time for \$27.00. They are seasonal and are turned off until spring.

Discussion: The ordinances for the water and sewer department should be reviewed to see if there needs to be updating

Operators Report: See attached. **Sewer;** the lagoons are being flushed until November. The covid samples have been going to the Health Department. **Water System;** The new generator has been installed. It was decided to try and sell the old generator.

Jamens: They have had the deed updated; we are just waiting for the paperwork before we implement the billing changes.

Discussion: We need to keep a file on all multi lot properties that are setup as one user so we can bill accordingly if at sometime the lots are subdivided

AuGlaize: Still going through the recorded. There is still some missing. Bob will talk with Mick

Motion: When a customer no longer wants a grinder pump on their property. It is the property owner's responsibility to have the can removed and disposed of with oversight from the utility department. The utility department is responsible for removal of the curb stop. Motion made by Jeff Coltas Seconded by Greg Mielcarz.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Porkorski, seconded by Scott Wendt.

4. Public Safety

a. Copper Harbor Fire Department

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wed. Nov 3rd 2021. In preparing for the coming winter the drop-in water tank was removed from vehicle # 5 along with swapping the summer tires for winter tracks for that vehicle. The tires and skis on the snowbalance will be changed next meeting.

There was one fire page out for this month to date of a smoldering brush fire off of the North Coast Road. The pile had been unattended. That was the only page-out for the month. The medical unit also had a number of page outs thru last month.

b. Lac La Belle Fire Department: No report.

c. Keweenaw Sheriff: No report

d. First Responders. No report

Standing Committee Reports

1. Downtown Development Authority
 - a. DDA Appointments:
 1. Mike Musiel
 2. Scott Ochodnicky

Motion to approve Mike Musiel and Scott Ochodnicky to the Copper Harbor DDA made by Mielcarz/Huwatschek. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.
2. South Shore Association
 - a. Recycling Ended Nov 1
3. Parks Committees
 - a. Lac La Belle
 - i. Haven Falls Electrification completed
 - b. Copper Harbor
No Report
4. Copper Harbor Improvement Association
 - a. Winter Wonder Fest Cancelled.
 - b. Lighting Update. November 17th 2021

Unfinished Business

1. Wastewater Lease Agreement Expiration
 - a. Lease addendum agreed upon barring legal description
Motion.to approve waste water lease agreement with Fort Wilkins DNR made by Huwatschek/Mielcarz. The board was polled:

Mielcarz	aye
Wendt	aye
Davis	aye
Filsinger	aye
Huwatschek	aye

Motion carried 5-0.
2. American Rescue Plan Act
 - a. Approved
 - i. Thanks to Misty/Karen for helping accomplish the corrections
 - b. Board has Guidelines for Fund use
 - i. April 30, 2022, to file their first "Project and Expenditure Report"
3. Recreation Plan Draft Contract Agreement WUPPDR
 - a. Surveys placed in all mailboxes in LLB and CH.
 - b. Survey sent via email to entire South Shore
 - c. Approx. 370 responses to surveys received to date.

This week: 1. Survey for next meeting sent to committee

2. Rachel beginning to compile results/comments

Questions regarding administration and ADA accessibility of properties.

4. Hannula/Burton Insurance Visit- Policy Re-Evaluation
 - a. Grants Cycles are open for risk reduction- Nov 30th Deadline.
5. Website- OPUSWEB: [Website-OPUS WEB](#)
 - a. Scott O updates that he is working with OPUS WEB. Will have Facebook page as well as secured bill payment portal.
6. Keweenaw Heartlands
 - a. Scott O. Update
 - b. Go to info@keweenawheartlands.com for more info.

New Business

Professional Services Proposal Keweenaw Point Trail – Phase 3

a. OHM Letter

OHM will be contractor that will oversee the Design, Construction and Administration. Phase Three will be a multi-use mountain bike and sport trail with camp ground sites from High Rock to Keystone Bay on the tip of the Keweenaw peninsula.

Motion to approve OHM contract for phase 3 of the Keweenaw point trail made by Mielcarz/Davis. The board was polled.

Mielcarz	aye
Wendt	abstains
Davis	aye
Filsinger	nay
Huwatschek	nay

Motion fails 2 ayes-2 nays-1 abstain.

Motion made by Huwatschek/Filsinger to convene a special Township Board Meeting to vote on the OHM contract regarding phase 3 of the Keweenaw Point trail. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Huwatschek/Filsinger to schedule a special meeting concerning the OHM contract vote to be held on Tuesday the 16th of November at 11:00 am. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0.

The purpose of the special meeting is to verify that the CHTC had its 20% matching funds for Phase 3 of the Keweenaw Point trail.

- ❖ Policy/Rules for Public Comment
 - The public comment portion of the public meeting shall last approximately 20 minutes.
 - Any Resident/taxpayer wishing to address the Board, must be first recognized by the Chair, then identify themselves by name, address of residence.
 - Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to comment.
 - Each speaker will be given six (6)minutes total for public comment over the course of the meeting.
 - Comments are to be directed solely to the board not to audience members.
 - No official Board action will take place on items presented in the public comment period. Matters addressed publicly will be taken under advisement, with the Board responding directly to the person at a later date or the Board will respond during a future public meeting as an agenda item

Gina Nicholas spoke about KORC and all they are doing to secure property for future recreational use.

The Board will appoint members for KORC at the November 16th 2021 special board meeting.

Financial Wrap UP

Motion made by Mielcarz/Filsinger to pay audited bills in the amount of \$56,987.22 and adjourn. The Board was polled:

Mielcarz	aye
Wendt	aye
Davis	aye
Filsinger	aye
Huwatschek	aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment at 7:42 pm