



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Agenda
October 10th, 2023, 6:00 pm
Grant Township Community Center
220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918
Phone: (906) 289-4292

Pledge of Allegiance

Call To Order and Roll Call

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. Approval of October 10th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda
2. Approval of September 12th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of September 20th, 2023 Budget Review Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Scott Ochodnicky has appointed Sam Raymond as Deputy Supervisor

Supervisor Hours for October 2023 - Saturday October 7th 2pm-4pm in CH, Saturday October 14th 2pm-4pm in LLB, and Saturday October 21st 2pm-4pm in CH.

Solid Waste Recycling/Garbage Attendant Information

- Summer schedule is in effect through Friday October 27th, 2023
- Winter schedule begins week of Sunday October 29th, 2023
- Winter schedule to be posted everywhere on Saturday October 21st, 2023
- LLB will have a regular recycling pickup schedule for the 2023-24 winter season

Meetings Update:

- Keweenaw Point Trails Phase III Construction Progress meeting #6 was held October 2nd, a brief virtual meeting will be held tomorrow October 11th, and the substantial walkthrough meeting will be held October 18th (walk/ride entire trail)
- Budget Review Meeting was September 20th – discussion was primarily about mid-year payroll review
- Affordable Housing kickoff meeting was held September 14th
- A Special Meeting for late October or early November is anticipated to finalize the Recreation Plan Committee, appoint founding members, and to discuss a possible TNC land acquisition in which the Township has an existing MNRTF Grant TF16-0054 in place

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$607,336.63
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$541,405.51
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$90,841.85
2. Maintenance Department Report
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department
 - 1 new Lac La Belle Volunteer Fire Department member: Nick Meneguzzo
 - \$10,000 MI Fire Equipment Grant award
 - c) First Responders
 - We need EMT's, etc.
 - Emergency response times could be an hour, or two hours in the winter, unless we can find more personnel

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Regular meeting held in September, currently working on several 4 year term renewals
2. Board of Review – Nothing until December
3. School Board
4. 5-Year Recreation Plan Steering Committee – to become 'Recreation Plan Committee'
 - a) Founding Resolution to be voted on at next public meeting
 - b) All 5 previous members, plus all 3 new Letters of Interest will all be invited to join the Committee, for an initial Committee of 8 or 9 members
5. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle
 - b) Copper Harbor
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – Nothing until December

Old Business

1. Researching LLB dump site Restrictive Covenant areas
2. Reviewing options for brush pile removal

New Business

1. Resolution #16-2023 to retain Attorney Michelle Halley of Marquette, Michigan as the default Grant Township attorney, with an initial one time retainer of \$2000 and an hourly rate of \$250.00/hour for any actual hours of work

2. Approval of Forrest Fill hourly wage rate increase to \$20.50
3. Approval of Trent Davis employment contract extension to Dec. 20th 2023
4. Approval of \$3900.70 BagBarn quote and purchase of 10,000 medium size orange bags
5. Approval of up to \$1500 for Ward's Husqvarna quote for snow blower tractor upgrade
6. Approval of up to \$2000 for ASC Absentee Ballot Drop Box
7. Approval of Keweenaw Point Trails Phase III Pay Request #1, \$65,068.58 (already paid, included in bill pay numbers tonight)
8. Approval of Keweenaw Point Trails Phase III Pay Request #2, \$56,607.03 included in bill pay numbers tonight

Agenda Request (Guests) Section – Julia Petersen from The Nature Conservancy (TNC):

<https://www.keweenawcommunityfoundation.org/keweenaw-heartlands-project>

Public Comment Period

- ❖ Policy/Rules for Public Comment
 - Any Resident/taxpayer wishing to address the Board, must be first recognized by the Chair, then identify themselves by name
 - Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to comment.
 - Comments are to be directed solely to the board, not to audience
 - No official Board action will take place on items presented in the public comment period. The Board will respond during a future public meeting as an agenda item
 - Grant Township Board contact info:
<https://granttownshipmi.org/contact.php>

Financial Wrap-up Bill Pay

Adjournment