



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

June 11, 2024, 6:00pm

Lac La Belle Fire Hall & Community Center

11819 Superior St, Mohawk, MI 49950

Phone: (906) 289-4777

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present

Absent

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda
- **Motion** to approve May 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Addressing Clerk Vacancy

- Clerk Scott Ochodnicky has resigned his position as he has moved out of the township. As Scott has now has no intentions of moving back into the township, he is ineligible to hold the office.
 - Roll Call Vote Resignation Letter
 - Appointment of new Township Clerk
 - Roll Call Vote
 - Oath of Office

Summer Supervisor Hours ~ Wednesdays 2pm-4pm and by appointment

Supervisor's Remarks ~

- **Millage Renewals on August 6, 2024 Ballot**
 - Township Operating Millage Renewal
 - Fire Protection Millage Renewal
 - Grant Township School District 2 Operating Millage
 - 2024 Countywide Road Millage
- **The EGLE Site Lead** conducted routine PFOS tests at our Landfill Site in Copper Harbor and will return Mid-July to discuss results and next steps for managing these sites. Whereas we have surpassed the 30-years of post-closure status, we still have a 50-year Deed Restriction for both Landfill Sites. All uses and management decisions need to be approved by EGLE and the Township Board.
- It has been brought to my attention that the Mendota Channel is only 3 feet deep in places. We will work in conjunction with Fort Wilkins/DNR to notify the **US Army Corps of Engineers** of this concern.

- **Copper Harbor Volunteer Fire Department 27th Annual Spaghetti Dinner** is scheduled for Friday at the Mariner North from 5:00-8:00pm, Tickets are \$12.00. There will also be a Bake Sale and 50/50 Raffle.

Waste Materials Management (Recycling/Garbage) Attendant Information –

In Copper Harbor: Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00pm-5:00pm
Wednesday 4:00-6:00 pm

In Lac La Belle: Thursdays and Sundays 3:00-5:00 pm

“Dumpster Days”: Copper Harbor June 15 & 16 8:00am-4:00pm
Lac La Belle July 13&14 8:00am-4:00 pm

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$693,197.49
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$457,559.23
 - c) Water fund balance is \$238,827.25
 - d) Sewer fund balance is \$155,945.29
 - e) Downtown Development Authority fund balance is \$135,759.16
2. Maintenance Department Report
 - a) Operator’s Report
3. Public Safety Reports
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department

 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department
4. Cemetery Report

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
2. Recreation Plan Committee
3. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle
 - b) Copper Harbor
4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee
5. Wellhead Protection Plan Committee
6. Housing Committee
7. TNC Heartlands

Old Business

1. Keweenaw Point Trail – Phase 3 – Section 2

- a. May 22 Meeting Report
- b. Motion to approve Professional Service Fees to OHM Advisors for services rendered through May 25, 2024 in the amount of \$9,337.32

2. Hunter's Point Trails

- a. The **Berry Picker**, formally known as the "Floverlook" or the "Flow Climb" is near completion and properly permitted with the Keweenaw Road Commission.

- b. The Licensing Agreement, with Copper Harbor Trails Club is in process, still awaiting word from the DNR on their classifications and allowances of e-bikes. We are also working out the details of maintaining the hiking trails of Phase 1 and Phase 2 per the Hunter's Point Committee to be sure compliance with the Hunter's Point Ordinance.

3. Materials Management Committee

- a) Explore options for identifying and funding waste management needs, i.e. solid waste, recycled waste, compostable waste, metals and yard waste

- b) Sunset date of three-four months

- c) Motions to Approve Committee Members
 - i. Cheryl Ochodnicki, Chair
 - ii. Jason Meneguzzo
 - iii. Kirk Filsinger
 - iv. George Twardzik
 - v. Dan Wiersgalla
 - vi. Peg Kauppi

New Business

- 1. LLBVFD request for Aggressive Off-Road Pumper-Tanker Fire Apparatus**

- 2. July Work Session Meeting Date change**

- 3. REMC-1 Proposals**

- 4. MTA Annual Dues/Premium Pass**

- 5. Rock Solid-East Bluff Water Request**

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>

A.J. Kearn, Keweenaw County Planning Board, South Shore Resident

- Please attend the **June 20** Keweenaw County Regular Board Meeting to show support/voice concern over redline changes. Specifically, to the definition of "Family" in the Master Plan as well as allowing accessory buildings to be built without a primary structure .

Debbie Talvensaari, South Shore Resident

-Please consider offering **recycling twice a month** in the winter months. Given that there are so few winter residents and acknowledging the personnel shortages within the Township Maintenance Team during this time, can someone be designated on the South Shore to help facilitate the extra day.

Financial Wrap-up/ Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at _____