



## Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

November 12, 2024, 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

### Call To Order

### Roll Call

**Present –**

**Absent –**

### Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve, November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Agenda
- **Motion** to approve October 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

### Supervisor's Remarks

- BS&A Payments update
  - Coming 2025, residents will be offered the most modern in-person and online payment methods. This will be done ahead of the BS&A software transition.  
Thank you to our newly appointed Clerk and Treasurer for working together to bring this to our residents ahead of schedule.
- Election Results
  - Thank You to all election Inspectors and workers. We had 84% of registered voters turn out with zero issues or complaints. I commend Cheryl for bringing on enough inspectors to allow for 8-hour shifts rather than 14-hour days of the past.
  - The Unofficial Election Results are in and we are happy to welcome Staci Gibson as our new Trustee.
  - The County-wide zoning milage did not pass
    - County Commissioners to reexamine their budgeting
    - Township Supervisors scheduling a Post-Deer Season meeting in early December
  - All officials to take the Oath of Office (after the election results have been certified)
  - Special words for a special person
- Public Service Announcement/Reminder regarding Power Outages for those with Grinder pumps. Please do not flush water or sewer through the system during power outages. The grinder pumps are not waterproof, and it does cause damage to them (hence the alarms) and

poses a financial and personnel strain on the township. Please keep in mind that we keep the public bathrooms open and that our generator keeps the grinders pumps running.

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### **Department Reports**

1. Treasurer's Report
  - a) General fund balance is \$ **\$490,855.89**
  - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$ **\$232,775.26**
  - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$ **\$92,994.40**
  - d) Water fund balance is \$ **257,546.38**
  - e) Sewer fund balance is \$ **\$201,919.76**
2. Maintenance Department Report
3. Public Safety Report
  - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department
  - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department
4. Cemetery Report

### **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. Materials Maintenance Committee

### **Old Business**

1. **VOIP** Phone system for the Grant Township Office
  - a. We now have all of the hardware, REMC is coming next week to switch us over

2. **Starlink (Business Edition)** with High Performance WIFI Router and High Performance 2m Starlink Router Cable for \$2,500. Please contact Clerk, Cheryl Ochodnicky if you are interested.

## **New Business**

1. **New Officials Training**
  - a) January 6, 2025 in Houghton, MI
  - b) Motion to approve training at \$150.00/ person plus another copy of “Authorities and Responsibilities of Township Governments (\$57.00)
2. Motion to approve purchase/replacement of the following items for Grant Township’s **Ford Truck**, totaling \$3,010.00
  - b) Replacing both manifolds: \$1875
  - c) Replacing muffler and tail pipe: \$720
  - d) Replacing right front locking hub: \$415
3. **Waste Management Agreement**
  - a) Motion to approve the Waste Management Service Agreement and the fee schedules as detailed in Exhibit A of the attached agreement
4. **MiEnviro**

Motion to appoint Supervisor, Meg North, as administrator of the MiEnviro account for the Copper Harbor Waste Water Treatment Plant
5. **Water Billing Receipt Book**
  - a. Motion to approve the purchase of water receipt books, not to exceed \$1,000
6. **LLB VFD**
  - a) Motion to approve \$7,023 for the improvements to the LLB Fire Dept Chevy Rescue Vehicle
  - b) Motion to approve LLB Fire Department purchase of Emergency lighting, siren box, and the breathing tank up to \$1,500
  - c) Motion to approve installation of the radio and light bar in the LLB Brush Truck not to exceed \$600

## **Agenda Request (Guests) Section**

### **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**

**Meeting adjournment**

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