

# **GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Held at the Grant Township Hall**

**230 Gratiot Street**

**Copper Harbor, MI 49918**

**Minutes for May 11, 2021**

Supervisor Scott Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call** present Supervisor Scott Wendt, Trustee Ned Huwatschek, Trustee Art Davis, Clerk Greg Mielcarz (virtually), Treasurer Misty Filsinger (virtually).

- **Motion** to adopt agenda put forth by Huwatschek/Davis. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve minutes from board meeting 4/13/2021 put forth by Wendt/Davis. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **Supervisor's Remarks, Comments, and Correspondence**

Given by Supervisor Wendt. Mary MacDonald Preserve thank you acknowledgement sent.

Supervisor will have posted office hours. Copper Harbor 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10a.m.-12p.m. Lac La Belle 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 10a.m.-12p.m. These office hours will start in June.

## **No Public Comment**

## **Financials**

General Fund-\$552,728.15

Fire-\$505,480.70

DDA-\$100,731.96

## **Utility Board**

Bob Pokorski gave report-Billing policies, Harbor Coast LLC., Billing increase descriptions, Emergency contact info and to please fill out the forms.

## **Public Safety**

CHFD/First Responders-updated call out numbers, and where they in the process of the purchase of a new truck.

## **DDA**

Don Kauppi updates on KORC

## **Unfinished Business**

Opus Web is building our website. It should be up and running within the next 2 weeks upon approval. View KC website, we will be following a similar format.

Welcome aboard Forrest Fill for the Public Works Laborer position.

William Eddy with updated information about Diamond Cell Tower. Grant Township requested/received permissions to get the information from Diamond.

Crampton and Hind have been contacted to survey the newly purchased property and 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

Copper Harbor Trail System/Overflow Trail. Scott gave an update about insurance and liability concerns. The Townships Insurance company will send a risk specialist to walk the trail to come to an agreement on how much liability insurance is needed. This will delay in the opening of the Overflow trail. Many public comments on this subject.

## **Board Discussion**

Why the liability insurance hasn't been addressed before. Ben, from Copper Harbor Trails Club, is on board and making sure that the Club has due diligence. The CHTC does have liability insurance, question is if it is enough coverage. CHTC stated that the communication has not been what it should have been over the years and we will all work together to make that better. CHTC will join the TWP when Hannula sends their risk specialist up here.

Manganese property. All documents have been signed, audits are done, waiting to hear back from OHM and TRG. Ben will loop us into the information that he has received.

Public Works Laborer Position/Part time seasonal position. June through Mid September, 20 hours a week, **Motion for approval of position by Davis/Huwatschek all in favor.**

Planning and Zoning-Borlee setback variance. Letter will be sent to KC zoning stating that the township has no disagreements of this variance.

New Vehicle quote for the township. \$36,125.00.

**Motion to purchase the new vehicle put forth by Wendt/Davis, Huwatschek aye, Mielcarz aye. Filsinger Abstain.**

Harbor Coast LLC looking to purchase the Auglaize properties and asking for additional sewer hook ups.

Police presence in the summer. Meeting with Sheriff Curt P. Will have a quote by May 17, 2021 for this proposed coverage.

Motion to approve Amanda Wais' pay increase to the clerks wage while Greg is out on medical leave, with retroactive pay put forth by Meilcarz/Wendt. Art aye, Greg aye. Motion approved.

### **Public Comment**

Citizens concerned about driving and walking through town with all of the bicycle traffic. Art shared the bicycle pedestrian path plan to help alleviate this congestion. This is not a solution for the near future. The only solution for the time being is the police presence.

Ihde's asked about the North and South running streets for repaving, this is scheduled for next year.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:50 p.m.**