



## **Grant Township Board**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4777

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Call To Order at 6:00pm**

### **Roll Call:**

**Present** – Scott Ochodnicky, Misty Filsinger, Greg Lis, Ned Huwatschek

**Absent** – Art Davis

**Zoom** - None

### **Agenda & Minutes Approvals**

- 1. Motion to approve April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda** – Put forward by Ned H, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 2. Motion to approve March 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** – Put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 3. Motion to approve March 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes** – Put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 4. Motion to approve March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 Annual Truth in Taxation Hearing Meeting Minutes** - Put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 5. Motion to approve March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 Annual Budget Meeting Minutes** - Put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-1-0**

**Supervisor Hours for April 2023** - Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm in LLB and Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm-4pm in CH

### **TNC Land Meetings Update from Greg Lis**

April 13<sup>th</sup> will be a Zoom call with the steering committee to discuss the homework questions regarding the Principles and Values for Governance.

## Department Reports

1. Treasurer's Office Report
  - a) General fund balance is \$710,751.10
  - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$557,303.25
  - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$64,008.49
2. Maintenance Department Report
  - a) Spring/summer solid waste notice to be posted in April
  - b) New hire Trent Davis
3. Public Safety Report
  - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department
    - Tom Boost provided a detailed update
  - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department
    - Rick Olson provided a detailed update

## Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (CH DDA) - None
2. Board of Review
  - Updated training for members, they are good for another two years
3. School Board – Kirk provided a brief update
4. 5-Year Recreation Plan Steering Committee
  - We will begin to collect letters of interest and it will be open to full and part time residents
5. Parks Committees
  - a) Lac La Belle - None
  - b) Copper Harbor - None
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – None

## Old Business – brief update with no discussion

- 1) Annual Budget Meetings recap – Approved/signed budgets are posted online

## New Business

- 1) Approval of pay rate of \$18.50 for full time seasonal new hire Trent Davis –**  
Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F, **Roll call vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H aye, Art D absent **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 2) Approval of 3-31-2022 Annual Audit Report –** Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Greg L, **Roll call vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H abstain, Art D absent **Motion carries 3-1-1**
- 3) Resolution #13-2023 Approval of KRACK Certified Resolution Authorizing Special Application –** Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Greg L, **Roll call**

**vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H aye, Art D absent  
**Resolution is adopted 4-1-0**

- 4) Approval of up to \$1000 for Bay Electric quote for smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, with install including 2 Township supplied ceiling fans** – Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F, **Roll call vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H aye, Art D absent **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 5) Approval of up to \$3400 for two sets of Logitech MeetUp 4K ConferenceCam + Expansion Mic Bundles with accessories, for CH and LLB both** – Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Greg L, **Roll call vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H aye, Art D absent **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 6) Approval of up to \$1100 for Cemetery Management Class offered by MTA, including travel and overnight expenses June 19th, for Sexton and Assistant sexton** – Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F, **Roll call vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H aye, Art D absent **Motion carries 4-1-0**
- 7) Approval of up to \$700 for a STHIL backpack style leaf blower for the maintenance department** – Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F, **Roll call vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H aye, Art D absent **Motion carries 4-1-0**

**Public Comment Period begins at 6:43**

**Topics discussed**

- If the township purchases a 160-acre parcel west of lake Manganese from The Nature Conservancy, can it eventually be sold to the State.
- A new bulletin/posting board for Lac La Belle
- A recommendation was made to discuss The Nature Conservancy move forward with a Recreation Authority instead of a Community Forrest.

**Public Comment Period ends at 7:00**

**Motion to adjourn and approve this month's bills in the amount of \$53,074.41** – put forward by Greg L, seconded by Misty F **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Greg L aye, Ned H aye, Art D absent **Motion Carries 4-1-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02**

*Vote tallies recorded in Meeting Minutes as Aye/Yes - Nah/No - Abstain  
(Absent excluded from tally)*