



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 8th, 2023, 6:00 pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order

Supervisor Scott Ochodnicky called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present

- Supervisor Scott Ochodnicky
- Treasurer Misty Filsinger
- Clerk Greg Lis
- Trustee Art Davis

Absent

- Trustee Ned ~~Huwatscheck~~ Huwatschek

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. Motion to approve August 8th, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Agenda –
Put forward by Filsinger, seconded by Ochodnicky, all in favor, **motion carries 4-0**

2. Motion to amend July 11th, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes to increase the sewer bills by +\$607.42 – Put forward by Lis, seconded by Filsinger.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye
- Lis – Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion carries 4-0**

3. Motion to approve July 11th, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes with amendment – Put forward by Filsinger, seconded by Ochodnicky.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye
- Lis – Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion carries 4-0**

Supervisor Hours for August 2023 - Saturday August 5th 2pm-4pm in CH, Saturday August 12th 2pm-4pm in LLB, and Saturday August 19th 2pm-4pm in CH

Treasurer Hours for September 2023 - Thursday September 14th 10am-5pm in CH

New Deputy Treasurer Kaelyn Wright

TNC Land Meetings Update from Greg Lis:

- Greg's meeting with Julia Petersen on Thursday July 20th
An 18" x 24" sign will be placed in the Copper Harbor Park near the trail head and will contain a brief description of the project as well as a QR code for people to scan and receive project updates.
- Scott and Greg will attend August 14th and 16th meetings.
- <https://www.keweenawcommunityfoundation.org> for updates.

Keweenaw Point Trails Phase III Construction Progress

- (3) Progress meetings held to date; subsequent meetings every other Monday 1pm-2pm through October 23rd.

Summer 2023 Recycling/Garbage Attendant Information

- In Copper Harbor: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3pm-5pm
- In Lac La Belle: Sunday and Thursday also 3pm-5pm

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$615,807.53.
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$540,032.68
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$98,170.83
2. Public Safety Report
 - a. Copper Harbor Fire Department
 - b. Lac La Belle Fire Department
 - a. First Responders – Scott Ochodnický gave a brief update highlighting the following.
 - I. We need EMT's, etc. website post forthcoming.
 - II. 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) – no July meeting, there will be an August 22nd meeting.

2. Board of Review – Held a July 18th, 2023, Tuesday 10:30am meeting.
3. School Board
4. 5-Year Recreation Plan Steering Committee – to become ‘Recreation Plan Committee’, seeking 7 Founding Committee members.
 - a. Special Notice: <https://granttownshipmi.org/news-view.php?target=55>
 - b. Timeline to be extended, website updated.
5. Parks Committees
 - a. Lac La Belle
 - i. Haven Falls grill will need repairs soon.
 - b. Copper Harbor
 - i. The township is looking into a dedicated Kayak launch.
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee.
 - a. No update

New Business

1. Davis put forward a motion to adopt Resolution #15-2023

Whereas Grant township wishes to establish a reimbursement rate of \$45.00/hr. to the Keweenaw County Sheriff’s Office for any special requests by the Township Board to have Deputies on-site for special events, for a contract period of (3) years from the date of the adoption of this Resolution, with each event to be voted on individually at a Regular Board meeting.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger - Aye
- Lis - Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 4-0**

2. Ochodnicky put forth a motion to approve up to \$1,000 for (1) Sheriff’s Office Deputy to be present during Trails Fest 2023 Sept. 1st through Sept. 3rd, contingent on availability.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger - Aye
- Lis - Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 4-0**

3. **Motion to approve up to \$700 for Misty Filsinger to attend the BSA software conference in Marquette November 1st and 2nd, Put forward by Ochodnicky, seconded by Davis.**

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Abstain
- Lis - Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 3-1-3-0**

Motion to adjourn and approve this month's bills in the amount of ~~\$64,382.46~~ \$64,194.71 and amend last month's sewer bill in the amount of +\$607.42 - Put forward by Lis, seconded by Ochodnicky.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye
- Lis - Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 4-0**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43