



**Grant Township Board
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 14th, 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
- Clerk - Greg Lis
- Trustee - Ned Huwatschek
- Trustee - Art Davis

Absent

- Treasurer - Misty Filsinger

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. **Motion to approve November 14th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda** put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg. **Motion carries 4-0.**
2. **Motion to approve October 10th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with 6 changes** put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg. **Motion carries 4-0.**
3. **September 20th Budget Review Meeting Minutes**
 - **Minutes Minutes not approved**

Supervisor Hours ~ All winter season 2023-2024

- Effective immediately, Every Saturday from 2pm-4pm in Copper Harbor, except the first Saturday following Regular Board Meeting is still held in Lac La Belle.

Solid Waste Recycling/Garbage Attendant Information –

- In Copper Harbor: Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00pm-4:00pm
- In Lac La Belle: First Friday Every Month from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Meetings Update:

- Keweenaw Point Trails Phase III Substantial Completion Walkthrough Meeting was held October 18th, Scott Ochodnicky attended.
- Budget Review Meeting #2 – in depth look at Capital Outlay and begin a Capital Improvement Plan
 - ~~The tentative meeting is set for the first week in December.~~

TNC Land Acquisition Update – Grant TF16-0054 164.5 acres Project Name:

- Copper Harbor Trail System Access Project is working for an extension
- Due diligence requested.
- 40-year title search has been ordered
- Requesting quotes for a survey

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$546,400.58
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$535,489.32
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$86,743.36
2. Maintenance Department Report
 - Truman Jones gave a detailed report of the department's activity.
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department
 - Tom Boost gave a detailed report of the month's regular meeting, held on Nov1st 2023.
 - All SCBA air packs were serviced on Nov 6th.
 - Winter Skies installed on Snowbalance
 - Truck 1 was exercised along with all extrication equipment.
 - Medical had a few page outs but there weren't enough personnel to respond.
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – Not present
 - c) First Responders - We need EMT's, etc. 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) – Regular meeting held in October - Approved funding for band shell improvements, Copper Harbor oral history project, and fireworks purchase.
2. Board of Review – December 12th 2023 Tuesday 10:30am
3. School Board – Currently working on annual audit.
4. Recreation Plan Committee – (see under New Business)
5. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle – No meeting
 - b) Copper Harbor – No meeting
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – None
7. **Special Notice: Formation of Housing Committee**
 - a) 5-7 founding committee members
 - b) December 12th Township regular board meeting – Adopt housing committee founding resolution and appoint 5-7 founding members.
 - c) Announce first committee meeting date and time at next meeting.
 - d) **Letters of Interest sent to** Scott.Ochodnicki@granttownshipmi.org

Old Business

1. LLB dump site, retrieving quote(s) for survey
 - At this time there will not be a survey until spring

New Business

- **Resolution #17-2023** Formation of Recreation Plan Committee
 - **A motion to adopt resolution #17-2023** was put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
 - Lis – Aye
 - Huwatschek – Aye
 - Davis – Aye
 - **Motion Carries Resolution #17-2023 has been adopted, 4-0.**
- **Resolution #18-2023**, Recreation Plan ‘Appendix A – Roles and Responsibilities of Recreation Plan Committee’
 - **A motion to adopt resolution #18-2023** was put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
 - Lis – Aye
 - Huwatschek – Aye
 - Davis – Aye
 - **Motion Carries Resolution #18-2023 has been adopted, 4-0.**
- **Approval of up to (9) initial members for Rec Plan committee**
 - **Harley Lewis**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Meg North**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Michael Lydon**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Susan Pokorski**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Ronnie Mae Krueger**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Sam Raymond**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Gina Nicholas**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Adam Yeoman**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Motion Carries 4-0.**

- **Rich Jansen**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
- A date will be set for the first meeting for early January 2024 once all members have been informed.
- **Motion to appoint Sam Raymond as Chair of the Recreation plan Committee** – put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
- **Approval of (5) Copper Harbor DDA Board members to new 4-year terms**
 - **Kirk Filsinger**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Art Davis**, Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Scott-aye, Greg-aye, Ned-aye, Art-abstain, Motion carries 3-0.**
 - **Don Kauppi**. Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Ed Tulppo**. Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Motion Carries 4-0.**
 - **Greg Mielcarz**. Motion put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg, **Motion Carries 4-0.**

Public Comment Period 6:49

AJ Kern (Keweenaw County Planning Commission) addressed the board about short term rentals and mentioned their upcoming meeting on Dec 4th at 4pm at the Eagle River courthouse.

- Grant Township Board contact info:
<https://granttownshipmi.org/contact.php>

Motion to adjourn and approve this month's bill in the amount of \$65,972.16 – Put forward by Greg, seconded by Art.

Roll Call

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm