



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

Lac La Belle Fire Hall & Community Center

11819 Superior St, Mohawk, MI 49950

Phone: (906) 289-4777

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 - Ned Huwatschek
- Trustee - Art Davis

Absent

- None

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. **Motion to approve December 12th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda** - put forward by Scott, seconded by Art. **Motion Carries 5-0.**
2. **Approval of September 20th, 2023 Budget Review Meeting Minutes**
 - Tabled until next meeting.
3. **Motion to approve November 14th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with amendments** – put forward by Art, seconded by Ned. **Motion Carries 5-0.**

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:

TNC meetings from November 29th and 30th
<https://www.keweenawcommunityfoundation.org> for updates

TNC Land Acquisition Update – Grant TF16-0054 164.5 acres Project Name:
Copper Harbor Trail System Access Project; working for an extension, due diligence from TNC and 40-year title search completed.

Department Reports

- Township Fund Balances Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$508,870.18
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$530,718.30
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$83,734.49
- 2. Maintenance Department Report
 - Truman Jones gave a brief update regarding the water pump wells will need to be surveyed soon.
- 3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – No report.
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – The new Brush truck will be delivered on 12/14/23.
 - c) First Responders - We need EMT's, etc.

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – No quorum for Regular meeting held in November.
2. Board of Review –
 - a) Meeting held today December 12th 2023 Tuesday 10:30am
 - b) **Motion to approve Board of Review 2024 schedule** – put forward by Scott, seconded by Art. **Motion Carries 5-0.**
 - c) 2024 schedule is as follows:
 - **March 5th, 2024 Tuesday 10:30am Organizational Meeting**
 - **March 11th, 2024 Monday 9:00am-3:00pm**
 - **March 13th, 2024 Wednesday 3:00pm-9:00pm**
 - **March 14th, 2024 Thursday 10:30am Work Session (if necessary)**
 - **July 16th, 2024 Tuesday 10:30am**
 - **December 10th, 2024 Tuesday 10:30am**

3. School Board – Brief update about the insurance policy (currently, both the Township and school have a policy – do we need both?) still searching for the original contract with township.
4. Recreation Plan Committee – Approval of time extension to January 9th Regular Board meeting to set the date for the first meeting was tabled until the next Regular Grant Township board meeting.
5. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle – No meeting.
 - b) Copper Harbor – No meeting.
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – None
7. Announcement: Proposed Formation of Housing Committee; Special Notice to be posted.
 - a) There is a \$50,000 grant available to be used for planning and research towards the Townships need for attainable housing.
 - b) Having a Housing Committee formed will help us when we apply for the grant.

Old Business

1. LLB dump site: working on two quotes for survey, and will talk to EGLE about our proposed use of the landfill and surrounding Township land

New Business

1. **Motion to approve up to \$2500 for a JAMCO Flammables Safety Cabinet for Township located at the sewer plant** – put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye
- Lis – Aye
- Huwatschek – Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 5-0**

2. **Motion to approve up to \$6000 for current appraisal for 164.5 acres of TNC land associated with Grant TF16-0054** – put forward by Scott, seconded by Greg.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye

- Lis – Aye
- Huwatschek – Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 5-0**

- 3. Motion to approve \$2700 for Starlink ‘High Performance’ hardware purchase and authorization to start ‘Priority 40GB’ service plan for \$140/month after installation – Put forward by Art, seconded by Greg.**

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye
- Lis – Aye
- Huwatschek – Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 5-0**

- 4. Motion to approve the Keweenaw County Road Commission Winter Snow Removal Maintenance contract for Hunters Point Park up to \$1500 per 5-months winter season from November 1st through April 1st, and for a duration of 5 years – Put forward by Greg, seconded by Misty.**

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye
- Lis – Aye
- Huwatschek – Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 5-0**

Public Comment Period – 6:56

- Truman Jones asked a question regarding The Nature Conservancy advisory committee and what they can vote on.
- Kirk Filsinger mentions the importance of a good, detailed set of minutes for future reference.
- Kaelyn Wright mentions that a more detailed set of minutes has helped her while doing research for the grant township school contract.

Motion to adjourn, approve this months bills in the amount of \$67,667.89 and amend last months bill pay in the amount of -\$197.87. – put forward by Greg, seconded by Art.

Roll Call

- Ochodnicky – Aye
- Filsinger – Aye
- Lis – Aye
- Huwatschek – Aye
- Davis – Aye
- **Motion Carries 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

APPROVED