



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024, 6:00pm

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
- Trustee - Ned Huwatschek
- Trustee - Art Davis

Absent

- Clerk - Greg Lis

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. **Motion to approve January 9th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda** - Put forward by Scott, second Misty. **All in Favor, Motion Carries 4-0.**
2. **Motion to approve September 20th, 2023 Budget Review Meeting Minutes** – Put forward by Scott, second Ned. Vote: Scott-yes, Misty- yes, Art-abstain, Ned-yes. **Motion Carries 3-0**
3. **Motion to approve December 12th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** - Put forward by Scott, second Misty. **All in Favor, Motion Carries 4-0.**
4. **Motion to approve December 14th, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes** - Put forward by Ned, second Art. **All in Favor, Motion Carries 4-0.**

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 Updates:

- A Special Board Meeting was held on December 14th, 2023, to approve funding for the remaining balance owed for the LLB brush fire truck.
- Set date for Pre-Annual Budget Meeting #1 for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budgets.
 - The meeting was set for Feb 5th from 10am-1pm.

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$587,584.56
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$385,563.89
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$84,049.43
2. Maintenance Department Report – congratulations to both Truman Jones and Forrest Fill for becoming certified wastewater operators
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – Tom Boost gave a detailed report.
 - Jan 3rd, 2024 meeting.
 - Zero-page outs.
 - Truck 1&2 were exercised.
 - Medical Had a few page outs.
 - Lacking sufficient personnel.
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department
 - Has taken delivery on the brush fire truck on December 14th
 - Has been awarded a \$4,984 DNR grant

Board/Committee Reports – None for January 2024

Old Business – None

New Business

1. **Motion to approve of \$4,984 (50% DNR grant match) for the LLB Fire Dept.** – Put forward by Scott, second Ned.

Roll Call

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

- 2. Motion to approve up to \$2,000 to have the grills at Haven Park in LLB repaired in early Spring 2024 – Put forward by Scott, second Ned.**

Roll Call

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

- 3. Motion to approve the Letter of Support to Trails Capacity Program Review Committee in support of Copper Harbor Trails Club’s Jim Rooks Bridge replacement project – Put forward by Scott, second Misty. All in Favor, Motion Carries.**

- 4. Motion to approve the submission of MSHDA (The Housing Readiness Incentive Grant) – Put forward by Scott, second Ned.**

Roll Call

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

Agenda Request (Guests) Section – None

Public Comment Period 6:23

- A question was asked “Is there any traction moving forward with the new housing committee?”
 - Scott responded by saying the next big step is to get the MSHDA grant in order for the next phase of planning to begin.
- A question was asked “Is there a plan for the new Recreation committee to have a meeting?”
 - Scott responded by saying the next time he and Sam Raymond get together they will be sending out an e-mail with the date of the meeting.

Financial Wrap-up Bill Pay

Motion to approve this months audited bills in the amount of \$72,792.31 and adjourn – Put forward by Art, second Scott.

Roll Call

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:27

APPROVED