



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024, 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order - Supervisor Scott Ochodnický led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Present - Supervisor Scott Ochodnický, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Trustee Ned Huwatschek, Trustee Art Davis

Absent - None

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. **Motion** to approve February 13th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda put forward by Misty, seconded by Art, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
2. **Motion** to approve January 9th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
3. **Motion** to approve February 5th, 2024 Pre-Annual Budget Review Meeting #1 Minutes put forward by Ned seconded by Art, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
4. **Motion** to approve February 6th, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**

Elections Update - Supervisor Scott Ochodnický provides update

- Grant Township is current on all elections related matters and requirements
- Kaelyn Wright has access to the Qualified Voter File
- The Election Commission held meetings on February 2nd and February 7th and the public accuracy test was completed on the 7th by the Commission
- The Election Commission will next meet Thursday February 15th at 3:15pm
- Thank you to Eagle Harbor Township Clerk Jeane Olson for finding replacements for Grant Township for two of the Early Voting Days
- A 2024 Elections Summary Page is here: <https://granttownshipmi.org/news-view.php?target=81>
- Any questions regarding the February 27th election can be directed to 906-289-4292 ext. 103 and e-mail address clerk@granttownshipmi.org

Clerk's Office Update - Supervisor Scott Ochodnicki provides update

- Former Clerk Greg Lis and former Deputy Clerk Cheryl Ochodnicki both submitted written letters of resignation on Monday morning
- The Township Board voted to accept the resignation of Greg Lis at the February 6th Special Meeting
- A Notice of Vacancy for the Clerk's position was posted Tuesday evening; 3 resumes have been received, appointment to be made soon

Supervisor Hours ~ All winter season 2023-2024, every Saturday from 2pm-4pm in Copper Harbor, with the first Saturday following our Regular Board Meeting 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:

- The Pre-Annual Budget Review Meeting #1 was held on February 5th at 10am
- A Special Board Meeting was held on February 6th at 12pm noon
- Set date/time for Pre-Annual Budget Meeting #2 for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budgets

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$689,161.98
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$397,433.24
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$84,320.63
2. Maintenance Department Report – Truman Jones provides brief update
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Chair Scott Ochodnicki provides update
 - a) Regular meeting held on January 23rd with several funding approvals
 - b) Township Board Approval of new Copper Harbor DDA regular meeting schedule of 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
 - i. **Motion** to approve new Copper Harbor DDA meeting schedule put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty all in favor **Motion carries 4-0**
 - c) **Resolution #2-2024** to amend the 2023-24 FY DDA budget, line-item VC Attendant (Becky Weeks), an increase in the amount of \$2022.00, offered

by Scott Ochodnicki, seconded by Art Davis, **Roll Call Vote**, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, **Resolution #2-2024 is adopted 4-0**

2. Board of Review
 - o March 5th 2024 Tuesday 10:30am Organizational Meeting
 - o March 11th 2024 Monday 9:00am-3:00pm
 - o March 13th 2024 Wednesday 3:00pm-9:00pm
 - o March 14th 2024 Thursday 10:30am Work Session (if necessary)
 - o Full 2024 BOR schedule already posted
3. School Board
4. Recreation Plan Committee – First meeting will be Tuesday February 20th at 4:30pm, Committee Chair Sam Raymond to lead meeting
5. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle – Jim Valsa provides brief update
 - b) Copper Harbor
 - o John Trimberger was instrumental in getting a \$10K donation from the Isaac Walton League for the Acquisition of Hunter's Point – thank you!
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee
7. Proposed Formation of Housing Committee; tabled for up to a month

Old Business – None

New Business

1. **Motion** to approve new hourly wage rate of \$20.00/hour for Elections Officials put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote**, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
2. **Motion** to approve new hourly wage rate of \$22.50/hour for Election Chairperson (if other than the clerk) put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote**, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
3. **Motion** to approve up to \$1000 to Eagle Harbor Township for reimbursement of Elections Officials for the month of February put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote**, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
4. **Motion** to approve new hire Stacia Lynn as Election Official put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote**, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
5. **Motion** to approve new hire Kathryn Little as Election Official put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote**, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, **Motion carries 4-0**

6. **Motion** to confirm that Amanda Wais is still on the payroll put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote**, Art D aye, Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, **Motion carries 4-0**

Agenda Request (Guests) Section – None

Public Comment Period – Begins at 6:30pm, ends at 7:00pm

❖ Policy/Rules for Public Comment

- Any Resident/taxpayer wishing to address the Board, must be first recognized by the Chair, then identify themselves by name
- Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to comment.
- Comments are to be directed solely to the board, not to audience
- No official Board action will take place on items presented in the public comment period. The Board will respond during a future public meeting as an agenda item
- Grant Township Board contact info:
<https://granttownshipmi.org/contact.php>

Financial Wrap-up Bill Pay – No bill pay for February 13th meeting per MTA advice

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm