



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024, 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order

Supervisor Meg Vivian North led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Present - Supervisor Meg Vivian North, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Trustee Ned Huwatschek, Trustee Art Davis

Absent - Clerk Scott Ochodnicky

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve April 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda put forward by Ned, seconded by Art, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
- **Motion** to approve March 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes put forward by Misty, seconded by Ned, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
- **Motion** to approve March 21, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes put forward by Meg, seconded by Misty, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
- **Motion** to approve March 25, 2024, Truth in Taxation Hearing Meeting Minutes put forward by Ned, seconded by Art, all in favor **Motion carries 4-0**
- **Motion** to approve March 25, 2024, Annual Budget Meeting Minutes put forward by Misty, seconded by Ned, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**

Supervisor Hours ~ To remain the same - 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.

Supervisor's Remarks

- Misty was elected on to MTA's Board of Directors for District 1 where she will represent the concerns of all of District 1 regarding Township Policies and Procedures
- Sam Raymond has been appointed to Deputy Supervisor

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

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report – Misty provides fund balances
 - a) General fund balance is \$853,446.68 (inflated because of bill pay)
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$484,758.32
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$75,568.27
2. Maintenance Department Report – Truman provides monthly update
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – No report
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – Meg reads the LLB monthly report

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
 - a) Next monthly DDA meeting to be held on April 16, 2024, at 6pm
2. School Board – No report
3. Recreation Plan Committee
 - a) Next meeting is June 11th 4:00pm in LLB before regular board meeting
4. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle – Meg provides update on behalf of Jim Valsa
 - b) Copper Harbor – No report
5. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – No report
6. Proposed Formation of Housing Committee
 - a) Please submit Letters of Intent

Old Business

1. **Motion** to approve the annual insurance policy with Hannula Agency Inc in the amount of \$36,036.00 put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**
2. **Motion** to approve the BS&A Software proposal/quote in the amount of \$46,525.00 put forward by Meg, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**
3. **Motion** to approve the BS&A Software down payment in the amount of \$17,650.00 put forward by Meg, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**

New Business

1. **Motion** to approve the Professional Services Proposal from OHM Advisors in the amount of \$40,000 plus reimbursable expenses for the Keweenaw Point Trail – Phase 3 – Section 2 put forward by Meg, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**
2. **Motion** to approve the Traverse Engineering Quote for the Copper Harbor Wellhead Protection Plan not to exceed \$7,500.00 put forward by Meg, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**
3. **Resolution #13-2024** for KRACK Certified Resolution Authorizing Special License Application offered by Art, seconded by Meg, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**
4. Copper Harbor Cemetery research update:
 - a. Sexton Art Davis has Kaelyn Wright provide an update regarding the recent extensive research work that she has performed on the Cemetery
 - b. **Motion** to approve up to \$16,000.00 for the Copper Harbor Cemetery GPR survey as well as the GPS survey of headstones and Cemetery put forward by Misty, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**

Agenda Request (Guests) Section

- **Staci Gibson**, requests a Letter of Support from the Grant Township Board for her endeavor to construct Tiny Home Workforce Housing on Block 10, Lots 17 & 18 in support of a MI Neighborhood Grant application
- **Nathan Miller**, Copper Harbor Trails Club, presented proposed updates to our current Licensing Agreement

Public Comment Period – begins at 7:00pm and ends at 7:03pm

❖ 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

Motion to approve this month's audited bills in the amount of \$99,226.50 and adjourn put forward by Art, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

UNAPPROVED