



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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 6:01pm.

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 May 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda with one item added by Art D for new business, put forward by Ned H, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
- **Motion** to approve April 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes put forward by Ned H, seconded by Meg N, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**

Supervisor Hours ~ Saturdays 2pm-4pm in Copper Harbor through June 8th,
Wednesdays 2pm-4pm thereafter and by appointment

Supervisor's Remarks ~

- **The Copper Harbor Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Replica** has been moved to the lighthouse tower and will be lit periodically by Fort Wilkins State Park
- **The Hunter's Point Marina Access Trail** was temporarily closed due to a faulty boardwalk section. Please use the main trailhead off Harbor Coast Shores Road until reopened.
- **The Supervisor's office** is in the process of reviewing and updating all existing advisory committees. Letters of interest can be sent to Meg North at supervisor@granttownshipmi.org
- **The EGLE Site Lead** will be conducting routine PFOS tests at our Landfill Sites this week and next.

Waste Materials Management (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

Summer hours to be posted later this month

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report – Misty provides fund balances
 - a) General fund balance is \$808,816.30
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$463,225.27
 1. CHVFD rollover is \$271,694.50
 2. LLBVFD rollover is \$90,575.75
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$126,100.28
 - d) Water fund balance is \$217,115.01
 - e) Sewer fund balance is \$334,289.51
2. Maintenance Department Report –
 - a) Kirk provides monthly update, including an update on the EPA and MTU lagoon research program at the WWTP
 - b) Meg N is interviewing seasonal maintenance applicants with Truman and Kirk this week
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – Tom Boost provides report; additional EMS/MFR are needed; Mi-OSHA inspection resulted in no citations; The 27th Annual Spaghetti Dinner: Friday June 14th 5pm-8pm at Mariner North
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – Rick Olson provides report; school and training are scheduled; the new brush fire truck is being driven; the previous rescue truck is being modified
4. Cemetery Report – provided by Sexton Art Davis; kickoff meeting this week to begin the Copper Harbor Cemetery GPR survey work

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – no quorum at April 16th regular meeting; May 7th was the DDA Special Meeting where Will Cronin, Tourism and Community Development Educator at Michigan State University Extension, provided a presentation and orientation for the Copper Harbor DDA Board that will be serving as the Community Leadership Team for the First Impressions Tourism Program for 2024.
2. Recreation Plan Committee
 - a) Next meeting is June 11th 4:00pm in LLB before regular board meeting
3. Parks Committees

- a) Lac La Belle – Jim Valsa provides a report; Haven Park grills were repaired and upgraded to stainless steel; cement slabs replaced
- b) Copper Harbor – Rich Jamsen provides report; would like clearer boundary markers at the CH street shoreline seating areas
4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – Deputy Supervisor Sam Raymond provided a report

Old Business

1. Keweenaw Point Trail Phase 3 Section 2 - Project update provided by Sam Raymond
 - a. **Motion** to approve Change Order No.1 for the Contract with Rock Solid for Keweenaw Point Trail Phase 3 Section 1 Project in the amount of \$22,930.50, an increase in the contract amount and an extension in time of 180 days, put forward by Meg, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote** Art yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Meg yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - b. **Motion** to approve Contractor's Application for Payment 3 for the Keweenaw Point Phase 3 Section 1 project in the amount of \$84,528.75, put forward by Meg, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote** Art yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Meg yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**
2. **Motion** to appoint Adam Yeoman to the Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee, put forward by Meg, seconded by Misty, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
3. **Motion** to appoint Truman Jones to the Copper Harbor Parks Committee, put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
4. **Motion** to approve the construction of the Hunter's Point Park Connector Trail and the Floverlook Trail, put forward by Meg, seconded by Misty, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
5. Letter of Support for building of the Flow Climb Trail (Floverlook Trail)
6. **Motion** to approve to extend the CHTC Licensing Agreement to include the maintenance of all Hunters Point Trails (Phase 1 and 2), put forward by Meg, seconded by Art, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
7. Proposed Formation of a Housing Committee
 - a. **Art Davis reads Resolution #14-2024**, Creation of a Housing Committee, *Zoom audio cuts out for the remainder of the meeting*
 - b. Motions to Approve Housing Committee Members:
 - i. **Motion** to appoint Sam Raymond as member and Chairperson, put forward by Meg N, seconded by Art D, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - ii. **Motion** to appoint Truman Jones as member, put forward by Meg N, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - iii. **Motion** to appoint Lisa McKenzie as member, put forward by Art, seconded by MegN, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**

- iv. **Motion** to appoint Doug McKenzie as member, put forward by Misty, seconded by Art D, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - v. **Motion** to appoint Aaron Rogers as member, put forward by Art, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - vi. **Motion** to appoint Don Kauppi as member, put forward by Ned, seconded by Art D, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - vii. **Motion** to appoint Peg Kauppi as member, put forward by Misty, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - viii. **Motion** to appoint Greg Mielcarz as member, put forward by Misty, seconded by Meg N, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - ix. **Motion** to appoint Kaelyn Wright as member, put forward by Ned, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
8. Copper Harbor Wellhead Protection Plan Committee
- a. Motions to Approve Committee Members:
 - i. **Motion** to appoint Meg North as member, put forward by Art D seconded by Ned H, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - ii. **Motion** to appoint Marlin Wingard as member, put forward by Art, seconded by Misty, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - iii. **Motion** to appoint Kirk Filsinger as member, put forward by Art, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - iv. **Motion** to appoint Dan Wiersgalla as member, put forward by Art, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - v. **Motion** to appoint Clyde Wescoat as member, put forward by Art, seconded by Ned , all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - vi. **Motion** to appoint Jeff Coltas as member, put forward by Ned, seconded by Art D, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - vii. **Motion** to appoint Jon Schubbe as member, put forward by Misty, seconded by Meg N, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - b. Scott Ochodnicky to attend meetings as needed for recommendations on cyber-security and Susan Hockings as needed for guidance as Eagle Harbor Zoning Administrator
 - c. **Motion** to set meetings for the first Thursday following each monthly regular board meeting, at 6pm in Copper Harbor, beginning June 13th, put forward by Meg, seconded by Misty, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
9. Audit Update
- a. 2022 Audit Status Report
 - b. 2023 Annual F-65 report and qualifying statement
 - i. Work will begin week of May 20th and anticipated to be completed by May 27th
 - ii. **Motion** to accept the Engagement of Services with Susan D. Sandford, CPA PLLC for the March 31st, 2023 Annual F-65 Report and Qualifying Statement and submittal to the State of Michigan for a

\$2000 fee, put forward by Misty, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote** Art yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Meg yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**

New Business

1. **Motion** to recommend a Materials Management Committee, put forward by Art, seconded by Misty, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
 - a. Explore options for identifying and funding waste management needs, i.e. solid waste, recycled waste, compostable waste, metals and yard waste
 - b. Seeking representation from both shores, year-round and seasonal business, full-time and seasonal residents
 - c. Sunset date of three-four months
 - d. Please submit letters of interest to Meg North at:
supervisor@granttownshipmi.org
2. Ballot Proposals
 - a. **Resolution #15-2024** Submitting Operating and Fire Protection Millage Proposals read by member Art Davis
 - b. **Resolution #15-2024 offered by** member Meg N and seconded by member Ned H; **Roll Call Vote** Art yes, Misty yes, Meg yes, Ned yes, Scott absent, Motion carries 4-0
3. Harbor Huts Refund from WWTP
 - a. **Motion to refund** the difference between the rate established by the Seller's Agreement referred to as the "Sewer Connection Fee" (\$4,500) and the 2022 Sewer Expansion Fee (\$10,750) for two lots owned by Harbor Coast Huts, LLC, Lots 37 and 39, totaling \$12,500 to be paid out of the Current Tax Fund less the attorney fee of \$250.00, which will be paid back to the General Fund, put forward by Meg N, seconded by Misty F, **Roll Call Vote** Art yes, Misty yes, Meg yes, Ned abstain, Scott absent, **Motion carries 3-0-1**
4. **Motion** to approve \$2,625.00 for the purchase of wood chips for the Copper Harbor Schoolhouse, put forward by Art Davis, seconded by Misty F, **Roll Call Vote** Art yes, Misty yes, Meg yes, Ned yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0-0**

Agenda Request (Guests) Section - None

Public Comment Period

- ❖ 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 bills in the amount of \$63,455.96 and adjourn put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote** Meg yes, Misty yes, Ned yes, Art yes, Scott absent, **Motion carries 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58

APPROVED