



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

July 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 6:01

Roll Call

Present – Art Davis, Ned Huwatschek, Meg V North, Cheryl Ochodnicky

Absent – Misty Filsinger

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve July 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda put forth by Ned H., second by Art D. All in favor. **Motion carries 4-0**
- **Motion** to approve May 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes put forth by Meg N., second by Art D. All in favor. **Motion carries 4-0.**

Supervisor's Remarks

July Board of Review meeting is set for Tuesday July 16, 2024 at 10:30m am at the Grant Township Community Room. The July meeting is held to review and correct qualified errors on assessments that have been verified by the assessor and involve the current or preceding tax year.

The dredging of the Mendota Chanel and LLB Harbor is scheduled by US Army Corps of Engineers, who anticipates awarding the task order in late fall 2024 and beginning dredging in spring/summer 2025.

2023 Water Quality Report for the Copper Harbor water system is complete, and it has been determined that no significant sources of contamination exist in our water supply. For more information, please refer to the report on our website or contact our Water Operator, Truman Jones.

[KISMA](#) is hosting **Barberry Trade-Up Days**. Area residents can dig up any bushes they may have on their property, bring them to a disposal site at Trade-up Days on **August 10 in Eagle Harbor**, and exchange them for one coupon good for \$10 off a native shrub. Flyers posted on Community Information Boards and the Grant Township Website.

Deputy Supervisor Sam Raymond attended the June 17 "inaugural" meeting for the **Copper Country Trail National Byways (CCTNB)** meeting which was created back in 2005 and is currently one of three national byways with that designation. The group identified organization, planning and funding as themes for "next steps" in revitalizing that initiative, which lapsed in 2012 due to funding and is now be revitalized.

Dates to keep in mind for Elections

- a) Nominating Petitions due **July 18** 4:00 pm.
- b) **August 6** Primary

Department Reports

- Township Fund Balances Report –
 - a) General fund balance is \$652,656.93
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$445,959.89
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$112,815.38
 - d) Water fund balance is \$266,407.88
 - e) Sewer fund balance is \$147,493.96
- 2. Maintenance Department Report - Four grinders changed this month. Pump in LacLaBelle dumpster failed and Bay electric has been out to fix. The board has been invited to come tour the plant facilities.
- 3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department –
 - Regular monthly meeting was on July 3, John Meilhan gave an update on the July 4th fireworks and discussed cookout – everything went well on the 4th.
 - Trucks 1 & 2 were exercised along with extrication equipment.
 - June 29th was public safety day. Sheriff held a gathering in Eagle Harbor
 - Two fire page outs small burning at east bluff.
 - Medical unit is still short staffed and had a number of page outs.
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department - callout regarding a smell of gas, call out for apple crash alert, skid unit price has been reduced to 12,000. Aug 10 fish boil 12-6. Upcoming training on July 11th.
- 4. Cemetery Report - Kae gave an update on the cemetery progress – fences have been removed and the old section has been prepped and is ready for GPR. She has been testing methods for cleaning markers and has found a method they will use to move forward.

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) - June meeting was all about the 4th of July plans.
2. Recreation Plan Committee
 - a) Next meeting date to change
3. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle - survey has been created to get feedback for Union Park. Have applied for several grants but have not been successful yet.
 - b) Copper Harbor - Rich Jansen walked with the trails club to discuss turning over maintenance of Hunters' Point to the club. One of the older bike racks were placed at HP to see if it would get used, it apparently was hit by a vehicle and mangled so they are going to put a wood bike rack out temporarily to gauge usage. Would like to mark

the spots at the streets where public parks are so that people are aware they are available.

4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee
 - a) Michigan Infrastructure Office - Technical Assistance Center (MIO-TAC) Grant has been awarded to Grant Township. This is a technical assistance grant to help us to apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to fund our plan to build bicycle and pedestrian pathways along the main street corridor in Copper Harbor.
5. Wellhead Protection Plan Committee
 - a) First meeting resulted in a change order by UPPCO, who delivered power poles into our wellhead protection area that were treated with a discontinued wood preservative
 - b) Next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 15 at 6pm
6. Housing Committee -
 - a) Met July 1st and will meet the first Monday of the month @ 5:00 pm in Grant Township community center. Discussed the two issues they are working on: workforce housing and single family housing for year round residents. They discussed resources and will have a survey for business owners coming soon.
7. Materials Maintenance Committee – poll to find out availability.
8. TNC Heartlands- Governance Subcommittee Meeting (#5)
 - a) August Heartlands Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to occur on August 21, 2024 at the Grant Township Community Center from 7:30 am-4:00 pm
 - b) Public Meeting is scheduled for Aug 21 at 6:00 pm

Old Business

1. Keweenaw Point Trail Phase 3 Section 2
 - a. Meeting Report
2. Aggressive Off-Road Pumper-Tanker Fire Apparatus
 - a. The total cost of the Pumper-Tanker is \$575,162.00 Motion to pay Packer City International Trucks \$142,040.00 for the chassis upon it's completion put forth by Ned H. Second by Cheryl O. Roll call vote: Meg V – Y, Art D– Y, Ned H – Y, Cheryl O – Y **Motion carries**

New Business

1. Hydrant Flow Testing
 - a. Motion to approve Proposal for Professional Services from OHM Advisors for hydrant flow testing, not to exceed \$3,000 put forth by Meg N, second by Art D. Roll call vote: Art D – Y, Meg N – Y, Ned H – Y, Cheryl O – Y. **Motion carries.**
2. Honeywell Multi-Gas Detector
 - a. Motion to approve the purchase of a multi-gas detector in the amount of \$521.04 for the Maintenance Department put forth by Meg N, second by Ned H. Roll call vote: Art D – Y, Meg N – Y, Ned H – Y, Cheryl O – Y. **Motion carries.**

3. UP North Summit
 - a. Motion to approve Supervisor and Treasurer training July 23, 24, 2024 for registration fees, motel/travel expenses not to exceed \$1,000 put forth by Art D, second by Cheryl O. Roll call vote: Art D – Y, Meg N – Y, Ned H – Y, Cheryl O – Y. **Motion carries.**
4. Cemetery Tree Service
 - a. Motion to approve quote from OJP Tree Service for \$10,320 for tree service at the Copper Harbor Cemetery put forth by Art D, second by Cheryl O. Roll call vote: Art D – Y, Meg N – Y, Ned H – Y, Cheryl O – Y. **Motion carries.**
5. Hiring of driver for transporting Coliform samples to Portage Wastewater Authority once a week July through October 2024 at \$15.00 an hour, 3 hours round trip plus mileage (\$0.67 per mile), 98 miles round trip.
 - a. Motion to approve hiring Bill Quackenbush to transport Coliform samples for \$442.64 a month, July through October, not to exceed \$2,000 in total put forth by Meg N, second by Ned H. Roll call vote: Art D – Y, Meg N – Y, Ned H – Y, Cheryl O – Y. **Motion carries.**

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 pay the bills in the amount of \$103,559.00 and adjourn the meeting put forth by Art D, second by Ned H. Roll call vote: Meg N – Y, Art D – Y, Ned H – Y, Cheryl O – Y.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 pm