



## Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

August 13, 2024, 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

**Call To Order** at 6:00 pm

### Roll Call

**Present** – Meg North, Greg Lis, Ned Huwatschek, Cheryl Ochodnicky

**Absent** – Art Davis

### Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve August 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda put forth by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl. All in favor. **Motion carries 4-0.**
- **Motion** to approve July 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes put forth by Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned. All in favor. **Motion carries 4-0.**
- **Motion** to approve July 18, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes put forth by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. All in favor. **Motion carries 4-0.**

### Supervisor's Remarks

- **The Unofficial August 6 Primary Election Results** are Posted on the Hallway Board and may be viewed online via the County Website
  - ALL Grant Township millage renewals passed
  - Copper Harbor School's millage renewal passed
  - Grant Township will have candidates for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer (all unopposed) and three candidates running for the two Trustee positions on the November Ballot.
- Grant Township is selling a new in-the-box **Starlink (Business Edition)** with High Performance WIFI Router and High Performance 2m Starlink Router Cable for \$3,000. Please contact Clerk, Cheryl Ochodnicky if you are interested. First come, first serve at this price.
- **Performances in the Park** is a wonderful CHIA-sponsored event. CHIA is in the process of getting their rental agreement and insurance updated to allow for vendors during the event. As soon as that has been completed, CHIA or a CHIA representative will reach out to vendors.
- Grant Township "**SCAN-A-THON**" set for August 25 from 10-2 at the CH Community Center

## Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report
  - a) General fund balance is \$617,326.56
  - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$247,933.75
  - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$101,425.82
  - d) Water fund balance is \$289,258.37
  - e) Sewer fund balance is \$149,522.66
2. Maintenance Department Report – see below
3. Public Safety Report
  - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department - see below
  - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department - see below
4. Cemetery Report - Kae reported that the project was on hold since GPR machine was broken, but Mich Tech rented new equipment to keep the project on schedule.

## Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – DDA did meet in July and discussed how to increase parking, DDA supports the Safe Streets for All initiative.
2. Recreation Plan Committee – Didn't meet. Waiting for Rock Solid's conceptual plan/map for Hunters Point, includes Kayak launch.
3. Parks Committees
  - a) Lac La Belle
    - i. Union Park Survey Results – Jim Valsa shared survey results. Top 3 items were activities were playground, picnic area and grills. Top 3 amenities were benches, restrooms, trash bins.
    - ii. Union Park Topsoil/seeding – Ray Rinne can deliver top soil, but it will need to be spread. This will need to be solved. Meg stated that next steps are to use the survey to get a rough plan /design for the park so that we know where to put the top soil .
  - b) Copper Harbor
    - i. Road commission doesn't have the time to come and determine park boundaries right now. Maintenance team might try to find them with metal detectors.
    - ii. Bike rack was built by maintenance team and placed at Hunters Point. Also cleared some brush.
4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee
5. Wellhead Protection Plan Committee
  - a) Next meeting is scheduled for August 15,2024 at 6pm
  - b) On target to complete in Sept or October

6. Housing Committee – Met again on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Had delivered a survey to about 25 local businesses, only received 7 back. Next meeting is Sept 9 @ 5:00.
7. Materials Management Committee – Met July 30<sup>th</sup> and came up with 4 potential options to help cover costs of waste. Committee is working on a survey. Next meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - a) Keep orange trash bags and increase price of bags
  - b) Request a milage to cover the cost and get rid of orange bags
  - c) Have a special assessment to cover the cost of waste management, this would be tiered based on residential, type of business
  - d) Get rid of compactors and everyone has to find a way to get their trash to the transfer station in Houghton.
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. **Motion** to designate the “Authorized Officials” for the Grant Township in MiGrants to be Supervisor Meg North, Clerk Cheryl Ochodnicky and Treasurer Greg Lis put forth by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl. All in favor. **Motion carries 4-0.**
2. Performance Resolution for Municipalities
  - a. **Resolution 17-2024** to authorize the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer as applicants to MDOT for necessary permit to work within the State Highway Right of Way on behalf of Grant Township put forth by Ned. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries 4-0.**

#### New Business

1. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
  - a) **Resolution 16-2024** to commit to an eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries and set a target date to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries by December 20, 2027 put forth by Meg. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries 4-0.**
2. Marijuana Ordinance No. 02-2019 (revisited) – discussion on allowing reversing the current ordinance against allowing Marijuana businesses. Supervisor Meg has asked board members to review potential Marijuana businesses and determine which businesses we should consider allowing within Grant Township. Will discuss at the September board meeting.

**Agenda Request (Guests) Section-** Eric Hermanson, Keweenaw County Treasurer – discussed the revenue for the township and the county that would be provided annually but just 1 marijuana license. The revenue is 59,000 for township and 59,000 for the county for just 1 license.

### **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>

**Bob Pokorski** – wanted to verify for clarity that the 59,000 was an annual revenue for the township and for the county.

**Peg Kauppi** – CHIA is working on the insurance and should have it resolved by Thursday so that vendors are able to be at performance in the park

**Bob – Pokorski** – wants the township to consider possible issues with liability for any grants that the township receives that have conditions and then the township authorizes another entity, such as CHTC to manage.

**Financial Wrap-up – Motion** to approve bills in the amount of \$301,684.76 - Break down of the bills are: Water Fund \$ 5,073.19, Sewer Fund \$ 5,842.85, Fire Fund \$ 194,431.26 (includes the new wildland brush truck), General \$ 59,575.26, and July Payroll of \$ 36,762.62, and adjourn, made by Cheryl. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries 4-0.**

**Meeting adjournment 7:16pm**

## **8-13-24 Maintenance supervisor report**

### WATER

- JI, KF responded to CW report of low level for #2 well. Discovered the low voltage wire was bad. Replaced low voltage wire and sensor.
- JI, TJ ordered and replaced main meter battery and reader connected to Red lion 4/20 system. (battery was dead).
- KF, TJ replaced curb stop and riser at berry patch. Now winterized.
- FF, TJ, KF replaced broken readers at several residences, replaced 5 brass meters with new meters.
- KF, TJ responded to CW report of leaking Chlorine in chem room. Replaced feed tank line.
- FF, TJ sampling and cross connections training.
- Responding to different calls from MJ (pole replacement guys)

### WASTE WATER

- 8 grinder calls 6 replacements.
- JI, SL phasing out odd grinder design. Scrapping for parts.
- TJ, FF, KF updated lagoon training.
- Planning for emergency rip rap for primary lagoon. Hendrickson. Tom Asmus from EGLE recommends starting ASAP as erosion will only get worse.
- In process of cleaning north alum tank out. Large crystal formations on bottom prevent accurate dosage and smooth operation.
- Planning Grinder replacements for fall.
- Planning dry dock build and execution with Michigan Tech. (We are currently negotiating compensation for

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS / PARKS / SOLIDWASTE

- Fixed punctured sprinkler lines and head and adjusted for dry spots.
- Bike rack build + protection for hunters point.
- Hunters point clearing.
- Broken dumpster connectors, figuring logistics for locks and keys for all WM trucks that service our area.
- WM dropped the ball for Lac LaBelle dump days. Three dumpsters were brought out after that weekend. Thank you Jim Valsa and the lac labelle fire department for doing what you could with what you had.

### **CHFD – Tom Boost 8/13/2024**

- Regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wed Aug 7, 2024. At that meeting the Dept. inspected Copper Harbor's new brush truck and many were moved from the old DNR pick-up to the new unit. IT's a work in progress, but most things are in place.
  - At our mid-month meeting for July, trucks 1& 2 were exercised along with all extrication equipment was run.
  - We talked about the up coming "art in the park" cookout, Aug 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. We have not received an update on hydrant pressure testing that will come soon.
  - There was one dept page out for overturned kayaks in water off Keweenaw point. All were safe and call was cancelled.
  - The medical unit had a number of page outs during the month.
  - Thanks to all twp taxpayers for renewal of 4 year milage renewal.
- That's all. T. Boost

LLBFD – Richard Olson 8/13/2024

July 2024

FIRE CALLS: 0

SERVICE CALLS: 1 – see other

EMS RUNS (FD ASSIST): 0

MONTHLY MEETING: July 25, 2024 6:30 PM – 9 Present – 6 Excused

- Pumper tanker discussion – inform members it has been ordered
- Rescue truck update – it is at Universal Metals and slid out unit is being built and installed – Copper Shores grant is extended to the end of August 2024
- Fish Boil discussion
- Rescue truck set up discussion
- Training in August – run all small equipment and Portables plus pumper and brush truck training
- Meetings 8-8-24 & regular meeting 8-22-24

MONTHLY TRAINING: July 11, 2024 6:30 PM – 10 present – 4 excused

- Dump tank set up – tanker shuttle – pumper set up for structure fire – pumping/drafting operations
- OTHER: Pumper to Mike Definas camp for training of new firemen on 8-3-24 – Dump tank/structure fire set up and portable pump set up and operations

FIRST RESPONDER CALLS: 1 – TOT Keweenaw Sheriff unable to take it

SUBMITTED: Richard Olson

Chief Lac La Belle VFD

DATE: 8-4-24