



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

September 10, 2024, 6:00pm

Lac La Belle Fire Hall & Community Center

11819 Superior St, Mohawk, MI 49950

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order 6:01 PM

Roll Call

Present – Meg North, Greg Lis, Art Davis, Ned Huwatschek, Cheryl Ochodnicky

Absent – NONE

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve September 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda put forth by Art, 2nd by Ned. All in favor. **Motion carries 5-0.**
- **Motion** to approve August 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes put forth by Ned, 2nd by Greg. Greg, Ned, Cheryl Meg in favor, Art abstains. **Motion carries.**
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Supervisor's Remarks

- 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.
- Grant Township "**SCAN-A-THON**" held on August 25 was a grand success. We look forward to a repeat event.
- Treasurer's Office Hours this coming week: 9-3 Friday, 9-5 Monday, 10-4 Tuesday

Department Reports –

1. Township Fund Balances Report - Greg Lis Treasurer
 - a) General fund balance is \$ 553,928.45
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$ 224,618.89
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$ 98,387.72
 - d) Water fund balance is \$ 228,071.03
 - e) Sewer fund balance is \$ 226,129.96
2. Maintenance Department Report – Truman Jones
 - a) Discussing different dumpsters with Waste Management

- b) Bog mats & Mich Tech – they are paying for GT maintenance to pull and trim the mats this work will take place Oct 8th, 9th, and 10th
 - c) Team has been working on hunters point board walk, also the docks, replacing rotting boards.
3. Public Safety Report
- a) Copper Harbor Fire Department - no report
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – See below report from Rick Olson
4. Cemetery Report – Art – GPR & GPS on old section is complete. All but 2 headstones are cleaned. Tree work is completed.

Committee Reports

- 1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – looking to designate park boundaries for end of street parks in the harbor. Looking at upgrading the trail from copper harbor to Fort Wilkins. Provided a letter of support for updating the marijuana ordinance in Grant Township.
- 2. Recreation Plan Committee – has not met since last meeting
- 3. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle - Union park – would like to rent equipment to do the work that is needed, looking for the support of the board. They would also like 2 days a month for recycling in the winter.
 - b) Copper Harbor - met on Sunday 9/8 at Hunter's Point to look at where to put the commemorative plaques. Bike rack is working out well.
- 4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – did not meet in August. Meg and Sam worked on Safe Streets for All. The SSFA is paused due to some additional steps that needed to be completed and the tight time frame prevented this being completed in time for the grant.
- 5. Wellhead Protection Plan Committee – plan is almost completed. There will be a new map that will be shared with the community. For questions, please see Meg or Truman.
- 6. Housing Committee – met the previous evening. Looking into different ways/options for affordable housing to happen.
- 7. Materials Maintenance Committee – met August 20th. Need additional information from Waste Management and the Assessor, then will meet and prepare a survey. Next meeting is not scheduled.

8. TNC Heartlands- Governance Subcommittee Meeting – open meeting on 8/21 was well attended.

Old Business

1. License Agreement with CHTS
 - a. Motion to accept Resolution 18-2024 (below) to adopt the license agreement with the Copper Harbor Trails Club put forth by Meg, 2nd by Art, Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries 5-0.**
2. MNRTF
 - a. Motion to accept Resolution 19-2024 (below) Sunsetting of Grant for Land Acquisition – **ACQ-TF16-0054-182** put forth by Meg, 2nd by Greg. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries 5-0.**
3. Union Park
 - a. Proposal:
 - i. Ray Rinne to complete the work with Jim V helping
 - ii. Landscape Rake - 250.00 per day
 - iii. Bobcat (T66) -\$375.00 per day
 - b. Motion to approve rental of landscape rake and bobcat for two days, not to exceed \$1,250, for work on union park put forth by Meg, 2nd by Greg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries 5-0.**

New Business

1. Independent Contractor's Agreement
 - c. Motion to enter into an agreement with Karen Karl to provide office assistance, primarily in completing year-end reports an hourly rate of 25.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours a week put forth by Meg, 2nd by Ned. . Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – N, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries 4-1.**
 - a.

Agenda Request (Guests) Section

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>

Steve Oviatt –

- 1) how to meet with Meg, will there still be supervisor hours in Lac La Belle? No, supervisor hours in Lac La Belle. Can meet by appointment. Or during posted hours at Township office.
- 2) Concerns about governance of the Heartlands, since Grant Township won't have more voting power and most of the land is in Grant Township.

John Kearns – questions about revenue for the Heartlands, how will revenue be generated? Taxes? Carbon trading?

Harvey – is on the Heartlands Committee and shared some information about the governance. Will be 5 at-large, elected members – anyone can run. Revenue is a concern, they are looking at options.

AJ Kearn – on the planning commission, running for commissioner.

Jane Jamsen – concerned about the amount of traffic and noise, ORV, Motor cycles, trucks, etc. called sherriff but hasn't heard anything back. Also concerns about giving over maintenance of Hunter's Point to trails club.

Adam – Copper Harbor Trails Club wants to say thank you to everyone for another great Trails Fest. Numbers were only slightly lower than last year.

Debra – has Grant Township considered a bike tag/tax for the mountain bikes? Couple of issues, need to be enforced and it would change liability once you start charging for using the trails.

- Has the township considered significantly increasing the cost of the orange bags? There is a committee working on the material management for grant township.
- Will the change to the marijuana ordinance be voted on by electors or by the board? This will be a board decision, voters in the state of Michigan have already voted.

Truman – what projects will Karen be working on for the township? And should there be an end date or a total amount approved? He has to provide a detailed reason and numbers to stay within budget for his seasonal staff to stay on past the original date, shouldn't the board do the same? There are specific tasks and reports that are late that the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk need assistance with timely issues. It is not work that Karen will perform, she will be providing clarification and history.

Financial Wrap-up and Adjournment –

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$94,218.12 and adjourn made by Art, 2nd by Cheryl. Roll call: Art Y, Meg, Y, Ned, Y, Greg, Y, Cheryl Y – Motion carries 5-0.

Water.....	\$ 2,676.06
Sewer.....	\$ 2,414.22
Fire.....	\$ 2,590.58
General.....	\$ 45,251.62
August Payroll.....	\$ 41,285.65

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm



Lac La Belle

Volunteer Fire Department

11819 Superior Street

Lac La Belle, MI. 49950

FIRE HALL PHONE: (906)-289-4777

EMAIL: llbvfd@pasty.com

CHIEF: RICHARD OLSON

(906)-369-2658

1ST ASST. CHIEF: STEVEN ERBISCH

(906)-370-4450

MONTHLY REPORT

August 2024

FIRE CALLS: 0

SERVICE CALLS: 0

EMS RUNS (FD ASSIST): 0

MONTHLY MEETING: August 22, 2024 6:00 PM – 8 Present 7 Excused

- Pumper tanker discussion
- Rescue truck update – at Universal metals – some design changes and it is being built
- Fish boil totals – We netted over 7000.00 with donations – final totals not in yet as all bills are not in. We served 336.
- We donated to the kids fishing tournament again this year
- Summer clean up next year – The Fd will take this back to organize it and work it – some assistance may be needed. A commitment from Waste Management will be needed first.

- Fish boil next year #13 will be August 9th
- Meetings – training September 12, at 6PM – September 26th at 6:00 PM regular meeting

MONTHLY TRAINING: August 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM – 10 present – 4 excused.

- Run all trucks – truck 1 run pump and flow foam – run chain saw and partner saw
- Run pump on brush truck – flow foam.

OTHER: Wash down dumpster slab.

FIRST RESPONDER CALLS: 0

SUBMITTED: Richard Olson

Chief Lac La Belle VFD

DATE: 9-1-24

APPROVED

GRANT TOWNSHIP
Keweenaw County, Mi

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH COPPER HARBOR TRAILS SOCIETY FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF A DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT

WHEREAS, Grant Township is the recipient of a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the purposes of preserving and maintaining land for outdoor public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the grant require that the land be used solely for outdoor public recreation purposes, consistent with the goals of the DNR grant; and

WHEREAS, Grant Township owns certain parcels of land located in Grant Township as described in Exhibit A of said agreement which include non-motorized recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, the Copper Harbor Trails Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the operation, maintenance, and improvement of non-motorized trails in the Copper Harbor area; and

WHEREAS, Grant Township recognizes the expertise and community contributions of the Copper Harbor Trails Society in promoting recreational trail use and ensuring the sustainability and safety of the trail system; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to enter into a License Agreement with Copper Harbor Trails Society to allow the Society to operate, maintain, and enhance the existing non-motorized trail system on the Township's land in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the DNR grant and for the benefit of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Supervisor is authorized to sign and execute the License Agreement on behalf of Grant Township, with such modifications as may be approved by the Township's legal counsel, provided that any such modifications remain consistent with the provisions of the DNR grant.

ADOPTED this ____ of September, 2024, by the Grant Township Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Grant Township Board of Keweenaw County at a Regular Board Meeting held on the ____ of _____, 2024

Signature

Title

Printed Signed Name

GRANT TOWNSHIP
Keweenaw County, Mi

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2024

RESOLUTION TO SUNSET GRANT ACQ-TF16-0054-182

WHEREAS, Grant Township was awarded Grant ACQ-TF16-0054-182 by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the acquisition of 164.50-acres of Vacant Land south of Copper Harbor, West one half of Section 5 lying north of Aetna Creek, T58N, R28W, Keweenaw County, Michigan ; and

WHEREAS, Grant Township has diligently pursued the acquisition project outlined in the grant, with the intent of enhancing outdoor public recreation opportunities for the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, despite the Township's efforts, unforeseen challenges have made it unfeasible to complete the acquisition project as originally planned; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Township Board has determined that continuing with the grant project is no longer in the best interest of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund provides a process for voluntarily sunsetting grants when they cannot be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to formally sunset Grant ACQ-TF16-0054-182 and notify the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund of this decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grant Township Board hereby authorizes the sunsetting of Grant ACQ-TF16-0054-182 and directs Township staff to notify the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund of this decision in writing, and to take any necessary actions to close out the grant in accordance with Trust Fund guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Board extends its appreciation to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for its support and hopes to explore future opportunities for partnership when conditions are more favorable.

ADOPTED this _____ of September 2024, by the Grant Township Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Grant Township Board of Keweenaw County at a Regular Board Meeting held on the ___ of _____, 2024

Signature

Title

Printed Signed Name