



## Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

October 8, 2024, 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order: 6:00 pm

### Roll Call

Present – Meg, Greg, Ned, Cheryl

Absent – Art

### Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to amend the October 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda to add a 4<sup>th</sup> item under new business for lowering the price of the Starlink business edition to \$2,500 made by Meg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- **Motion** to approve, October 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda made by Meg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned, all in favor. **Motion carries.**
- **Motion** to approve September 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes made by Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meg. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

### 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 \$2,500. Please contact Clerk, Cheryl Ochodnicky if you are interested. First come, first serve at this price.
- Grant Township Approval of Monitoring Well Installation
- BS&A Payments update
  - Coming 2025, residents will be offered the most modern in-person and online payment methods. This will be done ahead of the BS&A software transition.  
Thank you to our newly appointed Clerk and Treasurer for working together to bring this to our residents ahead of schedule.
- Election Commission Report
  - The Election Commission met on September 30 at 4:30 pm to appoint seven new election inspectors, elect a chairperson for the November 5 election, and appoint two election inspectors to the receiving board for the Nov 5 election.
  - Public Accuracy Test Scheduled for Oct 14 at 12 pm
  - Upcoming Trainings for Election Inspectors is on October 22 9-11 am.
- Note: Per Public Act 388 of 1976, the Campaign Finance Act, running and campaigning for an elective office is a private matter, not a public purpose. The township's resources, including our public meetings, are intended for public purposes.

- Please fill out the Keweenaw County Recreation Survey. Available on our website and also posted on the flyers in the hallway. Survey is open for the month of October

## Department Reports

### 1. Township Fund Balances Report

- a) General fund balance is \$ \$522,718.87
- b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$ 241,345.35
- c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$95,170.27
- d) Water fund balance is \$ 264,223.68
- e) Sewer fund balance is \$ 216,013.80

Greg also reported that direct deposit was delayed due to Incredible bank changing to a two factor authentication that caused paychecks that were directly deposited to be hung up. Shouldn't happen again. There were questions on if there is a 2% fee due because of this and Greg researched and spoke with MTA and there is not a penalty.

### 2. Maintenance Department Report

1. Note to Grant Township water users – do not use water if the power is out, includes drains, showers, toilets, etc. If power is out grinder pump doesn't work and the water will fill up and break the pump
2. Bog mat trimming will be taking place the coming week
3. Request the board consider a bonus for Sean. His carpentry skills have been a huge asset to the team. Many projects that wouldn't be able to accomplish without his skills.
4. Winter garbage / recycling schedule will start Saturday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>:  
Copper Harbor M & TH 2-4  
Lac La Belle 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 1-3 While Jim Valsa is able to run the recycling.  
This may need to change when Jim is gone.

### 3. Public Safety Report

- a) Copper Harbor Fire Department - The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wed Oct 2, 2024. All portable pumps were exercised, the two oldest pumps were clogged with gunk in fuel system. Fuel lines were cleaned the next day but still need filters to be leaned and changed. Had trouble with new vehicle pump, from draft. Kevin from Pomasl will be up to see us and fix the problems. Medical bags and new back board are on new truck, more to follow. At our mid-month meeting for Sept. extrication equipment was exercised. Both trucks 1 & 2 had yearly service and pump tests, all truck pumps performed good. Just shocks and springs need repaired. There were no fire pages for the department. The medical unit had a number of page outs.
- b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – see below

### 4. Cemetery Report – cemetery is looking good. 1 interment.

## Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
  - a) The DDA is sponsoring a Familiarity Tour Forum, set for October 10 at 6pm here at the Grant Township Meeting Room
2. Recreation Plan Committee
  - a) Next meeting is set for October 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 – 6:00 pm
  - b) Looking at union park plans and Hunter's Point proposal from Rock Solid.
3. Parks Committees
  - a) Lac La Belle - Jim Valsa rented equipment and was able to get the work done in 1 day. Didn't get charged for the fuel and Jim was able to get the cost reduced. Next step is how and when for topsoil and seeding.
  - b) Copper Harbor – discussing plaques for Hunters Point
4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – no meeting yet. There is discussion on improving Trail along Fanny Hooe into town to help with the congestion and keep bicycles off the road.
5. Wellhead Protection Plan Committee – met in September. Plan is 98% complete, 1 more part to finish and then it will be printed and will do an educational outreach.
6. Housing Committee – met Sept 9, working with OHM for a conceptual map for the lots at US 41 & 26. Looking to use the lots to help support off street parking and maybe could be used for housing.
7. Materials Maintenance Committee – did not meet in September. Hoping to meet in Oct, but might be after election.
8. TNC Heartlands – stakeholder meeting in Nov, governance meetings in Oct. Would be a 5 person elected position for the governance committee. Would have a special election in 2025 to elect the board.

### **Old Business**

1. Union Park – would vote in the spring for soil and seeding

### **New Business**

1. Sewer Credit for Bruce Fountain -
  - a. Property experienced a water leak that did not reach the drain.
  - b. Sewer credit for \$784.13  
**Motion to approve credit in the amount of 784.13 to Bruce Fountain** made by Meg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries.**
2. Letter of Support for CHTC

- a. Copper Harbor Trails Club is applying for a grant through Keweenaw Community Foundation to improve on the existing trail that is on the Lady of the Pines Property and connects to the Fort Wilkins Trail.  
**Motion to present letter to CHTC** made by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- 3. VOIP Phone system for the Grant Township Office
  - 4 phones @ approx. \$45 each
  - 1 base @ approx. \$40 each
  - 1 fax adapter @ approx. \$45
  - Annual Fee \$101
  - a. **Motion to add VOIP** to our existing contract with REMC 1 for an additional \$101 annually, \$25 per month and approve up to \$500 for the purchase of equipment needed for the township office, including fax machine made by Meg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Cheryl – Y, Greg – Y, Ned – Y. **Motion carries.**
- 4. **Motion to lower the sales price** of the Starlink business edition unit that the township has for sale from \$3,000 to \$2,500 was made by Meg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Ned – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – 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>

**Truman** – referenced several articles where township or county board members voted to give bonus's to employees. Truman also mentioned that the employees don't get a pension or 1.5 time for holidays or healthcare.

**Financial Wrap-up & Adjournment**

Bill breakdown: Water.....\$4,568.60, Sewer.....\$18,795.14, Fire.....\$ 8,697.39,  
General..... \$ 20,967.44, September Payroll.....\$ 35,291.68

**Motion** to pay bills in the amount of \$88,320.25 and to adjourn made by Cheryl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Ned – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion carries.**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:05**



# 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

**1<sup>ST</sup> ASST. CHIEF: STEVEN ERBISCH**  
(906)-370-4450



### MONTHLY REPORT

#### September 2024

FIRE CALLS: 0

SERVICE CALLS: 0

EMS RUNS (FD ASSIST): 0

MONTHLY MEETING: September 26, 2024 6:30 PM – 7 present - rest excused.

- All 3 recruits passed fire school. Greg Shelonzek, Ryan Leavitt & Joseph Wolford
- Pumper tanker discussion.
- Rescue truck update – work continues on building of slide out
- New dept hats for guys and we need new ones for sale – plus shirts for guys and for sale
- North Star Diesel was here and serviced Truck 1 & Tanker. Pump test done on 1 and it is in great shape. Leak on heater control will be repaired. Oil pan has small leak will put off and assess next year.
- CPR class discussion on date to schedule
- I will check on Drivers Training for new guys
- October meetings training on 10<sup>th</sup> and meeting on 2<sup>2</sup> nd..

MONTHLY TRAINING: September 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM – 6 present - rest excused.

- Run brush truck – other two just serviced and ran
- Check equipment

OTHER: N/A

FIRST RESPONDER CALLS: 1 – South point.

SUBMITTED: Richard Olson

Chief Lac La Belle VFD

DATE: 10/01/24