



## Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

November 12, 2024, 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

**Call To Order 6:01**

### Roll Call

**Present – Meg, Greg, Ned, Art, Cheryl**

**Absent – NONE**

### Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve, November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Agenda by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art. All in favor – **Motion Carries**
- **Motion** to approve October 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes by Cheryl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Greg – Aye, Cheryl – Aye, Meg – Aye, Ned – Aye, Art – Abstain. **Motion Carries**

### Supervisor's Remarks

- 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 Results
  - Thank You to all election Inspectors and workers. We had 84% of registered voters turn out with zero issues or complaints. I commend Cheryl for bringing on enough inspectors to allow for 8-hour shifts rather than 14-hour days of the past.
  - The Unofficial Election Results are in and we are happy to welcome Staci Gibson as our new Trustee.
  - The County-wide zoning milage did not pass
    - County Commissioners to reexamine their budgeting
    - Township Supervisors scheduling a Post-Deer Season meeting in early December
  - All officials to take the Oath of Office (after the election results have been certified)
  - Special words for a special person
- Public Service Announcement/Reminder regarding Power Outages for those with Grinder pumps. Please do not flush water or sewer through the system during power outages. The

grinder pumps are not waterproof, and it does cause damage to them (hence the alarms) and poses a financial and personnel strain on the township. Please keep in mind that we keep the public bathrooms open and that our generator keeps the grinders pumps running.

- We apologize for any frustration or inconvenience if you have tried to access our website of late. Our website has been experiencing some problems since recent updates. We hope that these issues are behind us but please email myself or the clerk if you experience any problems.

## Department Reports

1. Treasurer's Report
  - a) General fund balance is \$ **\$490,855.89**
  - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$ **\$232,775.26**
  - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$ **\$92,994.40**
  - d) Water fund balance is \$ **257,546.38**
  - e) Sewer fund balance is \$ **\$201,919.76**
2. Maintenance Department Report – Truman Jones
  - a) Busy month with shut downs and winter prep. 34 shut downs for winter
  - b) Lagoons are done for the winter and sewer flushing is complete
  - c) ½ done with hydrant flushing and seals
  - d) 4 grinder pump change outs
  - e) New sewer maps – paper and digital copies available
  - f) Did well on the sanitary survey. See Truman for results if interested
  - g) Test wells have been drilled 1 10 feet and others are 4 feet.

Discussed during public comment: Fort Wilkens is having some back flow issues and asked maintenance to handle. IT is thought that they receive a discount for sewer and part of that agreement is that they handle their own maintenance. But this needs to be researched. It also appears no maintenance has been done on the lines in a while and there are no known maps.

3. Public Safety Report
  - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – See below
  - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department - See below
4. Cemetery Report - nothing new to report

## Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – met in October, discussed First Impression Tour results and some potential plans: 1) swimming beach, 2) develop access to the harbor, 3) cell service in town 4) ideas for parking/pedestrian walking  
Next meeting is Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

2. Recreation Plan Committee – Met Oct 21<sup>st</sup> discussed HP and the plan and map created by Rock Solid, next step is to further develop the plan with estimates also discussed union park next steps. Start on a conceptual plan. Need some answers about playground and insurance.
3. Parks Committees
  - a) Lac La Belle – Jim V. topsoil and seed in the spring, planning a pavilion so won't improve the land where the pavilion will be. Looking at benches/tables for next year.
  - b) Copper Harbor - Truman – designing the plaques, replaced the bad boards on the walkway, quick fix for the missing boards.
4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – no meeting last month
5. Wellhead Protection Plan Committee – no new news
6. Housing Committee – Lisa McKenzie from WUPHDR came across a “kit” that walks through the planning process, so the are looking at using that for guidance.
7. Materials Maintenance Committee – no meeting, scheduling now that election is done.

#### **Old Business**

1. **VOIP** Phone system for the Grant Township Office
  - a. We now have all of the hardware, REMC is coming next week to switch us over
2. **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.

#### **New Business**

1. **New Officials Training**
  - a) January 6, 2025 in Houghton, MI
  - b) **Motion to approve** training not to exceed \$700 for 4 board members to attend and to purchase another copy of “Authorities and Responsibilities of Township Governments (\$57.00) made by Meg 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Roll Call Vote: Meg – Y, Greg - Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl – Y. **Motion Carries**
2. Motion to approve purchase and replacement of the following items for Grant Township's **Ford Truck**, up to \$3,500 made by Art, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y, **Motion Carries.**
  - b) Replacing both manifolds: \$1875
  - c) Replacing muffler and tail pipe: \$720
  - d) Replacing right front locking hub: \$415

3. **Waste Management Agreement (see below)**

a Motion to approve the Waste Management Service Agreement and the fee schedules as detailed in Exhibit A of the attached agreement by Meg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl - Y. **Motion Carries.**

4. **MiEnviro**

Motion to appoint Supervisor, Meg North, as administrator of the MiEnviro account for the Copper Harbor Waste Water Treatment Plant by Art, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

5. **Water Billing Receipt Book**

Motion to approve the purchase of water receipt books, not to exceed \$1,000 by Art, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ned. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl - Y. **Motion Carries.**

6. **LLB VFD**

- a) Motion to approve \$7,023 for the improvements to the LLB Fire Dept Chevy Rescue Vehicle by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl - Y. **Motion Carries.**
- b) Motion to approve LLB Fire Department purchase of Emergency lighting, siren box, and the breathing tank up to \$1,500 by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl - Y. **Motion Carries.**
- c) Motion to approve installation of the radio and light bar in the LLB Brush Truck not to exceed \$600 by Ned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl - Y. **Motion Carries.**

7. **Office Planning Group**

- d) Motion to purchase stapling / sorting unit for not more than \$500 and renew the township's contract with The Office Planning Group at the annual rate of \$ 549.37. by Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meg. Roll call vote: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl - Y. **Motion Carries.**

**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>

- **Discussed power outages – community center in CH is open and the firehall in LLB is open during power outage for those that need to warm up, use internet, cook.**

**Financial Wrap-up**

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$74,109.50, broken down as follows:

Water.....	\$	5,721.50
Sewer.....	\$	5,086.96
Fire.....	\$	2,646.14
General.....	\$	25,562.09
Oct Payroll .....	\$	35,092.81

**And adjourn, made by Art, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg, roll call vote:** : Meg – Y, Greg – Y, Art – Y, Ned – Y, Cheryl Y. **Motion Carries.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20**

# 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>nd</sup>..

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

CHFD

11-12-24

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CHFD WAS HELD ON WED.

LAST MONTH THE PORTABLE PUMPS WERE CLOSED WITH JUNK IN THE FUEL LINES, NEW FILTERS WERE INSTALLED AND WILL BE CHECKED TO MAKE SURE GUMMY FUEL KEEPS THEM CLEAN. (NEW FILTER)

KEVIN POMASL CAME EARLY TO CHECK PROPER DRAFTING ON NEW TRUCK, ALSO A NUMBER OF SMALLER ITEMS TO FIX WERE BROUGHT UP.

DAVE FROM RED POWER WAS UP TO CORRECT VACUUM LINE THAT WAS NOT CONNECTED.

DRAFT HOSE HAD A CRACK AT THE FITTING - NEW HOSE TO BE ORDERED TO REPLACE OLD.

SOME ITEMS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN DELIVERED FOR NEW TRUCK. WINTER TIRES AND TRACKS TO BE REPLACED WHEN COLDER WX ARRIVES.

AT OUR MID-MONTH MEETING FOR OCT. EXTRICATION EQUIP. WAS EXERCISED.

DURING OUR YEARLY VEHICLE INSPECTION IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE REAR SPRINGS WERE NEEDING REPLACED. THEY ARE FLATTENING OUT DO TO CONSTANT WEIGHT ON REAR END. I WILL

BRING THAT UP TO THE TOP.

BOARD.

THERE WERE NO FIVE PAGES  
FOR THE DEPT. THE MEDICAL UNIT  
HAD A NUMBER OF PAGE OUTS.

THATS ALL,  
Tom



The individual signing this agreement on behalf of customer acknowledges that he/she has read and accepts the terms and conditions of this agreement which accompany this service summary sheet and that he/she has the authority to sign on behalf of the customer. Notice: Customer is required to comply with State of Wisconsin and local laws requiring recycling.

Customer Signature <i>Mark Harwick</i>	Printed Name Mark Harwick	Title WM Sales Rep.	Date 10-14-2024
Company: Waste Management of Wisconsin,	Printed Name	Title	Date

Terms and Conditions on following page(s)

**WrM.**

WASTE MANAGEMENT

## Exhibit A Grant Township

### Copper Harbor

(1) 34 yd compactor - Waste, serviced on call  
\$ 643.55 per Haul  
\$ 102.75 per ton disposal  
\$ 405.60 Lease per month

(1) 34 yd per haul — Recycle serviced on call  
\$ 427.23 per Haul  
\$ 59.07 per ton processing  
\$ 189.28 Lease per month

### Lac Labelle

2 (1) 34 yd ~~2~~ compartment compactor — Waste and Recy, on call  
\$ 638.44 per Haul  
\$ 101.94 per ton disposal Waste  
\$ 59.07 per ton processing Recy  
\$ 402.38 Lease per month

### Summer Dumpster Days

\$1177.73 per 40 yd Delivery and Haul  
\$ 102.75 disposal

All fees base, Energy is additional and fluctuates. Currently 13%