



Grant Township Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025 6:00pm

Grant Township Meeting Hall

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order - 6:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present – Meg, Art, Staci, Greg Cheryl

Absent – none

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- Motion to approve, April 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Agenda by Greg, 2nd Staci; All in favor - **Motion Carries**
- Motion to approve March 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Cheryl, 2nd Greg; All in favor - **Motion Carries**
- Motion to approve March 24, 2025 Annual Truth in Taxation and Budget Hearing Minutes – Greg, 2nd Staci, Abstain – Art; All in favor - **Motion Carries**

Supervisor's Remarks and Correspondence

- 1) Grant Township is looking for an **Alternate for the Board of Review**. Please send a letter of interest to the Supervisor via mail or email if you are interested or have questions.
- 2) Letter Of Support for **Keweenaw County Road Commission** to apply for Legislatively Directed Spending for Brockway Mountain Drive road improvements (New Business)
- 3) **Copper Dog, Inc** sent a nice letter commending the efforts of the many community members that helped make the Copper Dog 150 a success this year.

Department Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

- a) General fund balance is \$578,998.90
- b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$276,395.84
- c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$247,492.19
- d) Water fund balance is \$242,651.34
- e) Sewer fund balance is \$262,583.78

2. Maintenance Department Report – see below

3. Public Safety Report

- a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – Annual spaghetti dinner at the Mariner North, Copper Harbor, Friday, June 13 from 5:00-8:00. Annual trash clean-up days for Copper Harbor Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15. For Chief's report see below.
- b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – Annual trash clean-up days for Lac La Belle tentatively set for Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13. For Chief's report see below.

4. Cemetery Report - none

Committee Reports

- 1) **Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** – met in March. Seven members present. Worked on and approved budget.
- 2) **Parks Committees**
 - a) Lac La Belle - none
 - b) Copper Harbor - none

Old Business

1) Resolutions 2025-30 – 2025-32

- a. **Motion to approve** additional amendments of the General Fund, Water Fund, and DDA Budgets by Cheryl. Roll call: Meg – aye, Art – aye, Staci – aye, Greg – aye, Cheryl – aye; **Motion carries – Resolution adopted**

New Business

1) **Motion to approve a Letter of Support for Keweenaw County Road Commission** by Meg, 2nd Cheryl; all in favor **Motion carries**

2) **Resolution 2025-33**

- a. **Motion to approve** an amendment to the Annual Cost of Living Increase by Staci, 2nd Art. Roll call: Meg – aye, Art – aye, Staci – aye, Greg – aye, Cheryl. **Motion carries – Resolution adopted**

3) **Request for funding for EMS training**

- a. Mike Musiel, Jeff Coltas and Chris O'Callaghan; Houghton County MCA Continuing Education; two days
- b. \$75 for training plus mileage to UP Health System, Portage (90 miles roundtrip; two days)
- c. **Motion to approve** up to \$300.00 for continuing education for Grant Township EMS by Art, 2nd Cheryl. Roll call: Meg – aye, Art – aye, Staci – aye, Greg – aye, Cheryl – aye. **Motion carries**

4) **Tool Chest/ Box Purchase Request for Sewer Plant**

- a. Estimated cost (including estimated shipping) is \$1803.20
- b. **Motion to approve** purchase for an amount not to exceed \$2000.00 by Meg, 2nd Greg.
Roll call: Meg – aye, Art – aye, Staci – aye, Greg – aye, Cheryl – aye. **Motion carries**

5) Purchase request for Sewer Plant from Alexander Chemical Company

- a. Aluminum Sulfate
- b. Total Price for 2,250 gallon loads = \$5,879.54 (per 1/2 Truckload) * Fuel Surcharge is included
- c. **Motion to approve** purchase for an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 by Meg, 2nd Art.
Roll call: Meg – aye, Art – aye, Staci – aye, Greg – aye, Cheryl – aye. **Motion carries**

6) Motion to approve up to \$1,100 for Forrest and Truman to attend the Wastewater Conference in Escanaba in May. (Includes hotel, conference fees and per diem for 2 days travel) – made by Cheryl, 2nd Staci. Roll call: Meg – aye, Art – aye, Staci – aye, Greg – aye, Cheryl – aye. **Motion carries**

- 7) Review and approve job descriptions for Seasonal and Part-time W/S/M positions**
- a. **Motion to approve** Seasonal Materials Management Assistant (Garbage & Recycling) job posting with the additional requirement of a valid driver’s license and new wording “Starting Pay: \$17.50 Minimum”, by Cheryl, 2nd Meg. All in favor – **Motion carries**
 - b. **Motion to approve** Grounds Maintenance, Solid Waste, Water and Wastewater Assistant (Seasonal full-time and part-time positions), with new wording “Starting Pay: \$17.50 Minimum”, by Meg, 2nd Greg. All in favor – **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>

Financial Wrap-up

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$230,579.61, broken down as follows:

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| Water | \$ | 8,690.79 |
| Sewer | \$ | 13,300.69 |
| Fire | \$ | 158,074.39 |

General \$ 20,439.28

March Payroll \$ 30,074.46

And adjourn, made by Art, 2nd Greg; Roll call: Meg – aye, Art – aye, Staci – aye, Greg – aye, Cheryl – aye. **Motion carries.**

Meeting adjournment – 7:11pm.

UNAPPROVED

Public Works Report

Projects Completed

- Water
 - Chlorine tube failed, replaced.
 - Corrosion Control Report Filed.
 - Meter Reads.
 - Chem change report sheet made.
 - Wastewater
 - J.I. built air filter box for entire WWTP plant.
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 - General
 - Meeting room chair steam cleaned; plastic parts replaced.
 - Meeting room fans replaced.
 - Snowblower tractor maintenance.
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In Progress

- Water
 - Sending back bad CL testing tablets.
- Wastewater
 - Aluminum Sulfate Test 50:50 Water to Alum V 100% Alum.
 - Quote for change from Alum to Aquafox. Get alum quote to board.
 - Requested quote for WWTP generator.
 - Replacing cut GP power cable.
 - Copies of Saw Grant From OHM? TWP couldn't find our copies.
 - Voip at WWTP
 - Voip at Water Treatment Plant.
- General
 - Order Dumpsters for LLB and CH dump days. Set up alternative day with Mark?
 - Large orange bags were printed on translucent plastic instead of opaque. Discounted Bags? Sending sample.
 - Truck Quotes: Meet with Meg and Greg - Get dodge quote.
 - Email Copy of 2018 SRF project plan to board?
 - Get both Job descriptions done.

- Get with Art about burials/ when are the headstones being put in?
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Upcoming Events

- April/May: Hiring full time summer position and part time material handling position.
 - May 13th and 14th: MRWA Wastewater conference, Escanaba.
 - June 14th and 15th: CH Dump days.
 - June 19th: East Jordan Ironworks to do hydrant maintenance training.
 - Fire extinguisher testing.
 - RPZ and backflow testing.
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Attention

- Covid sample funding is paused. Assessing alternatives for regular sample delivery.
- Large tree branches down in lower section of cemetery, nothing was damaged.

Public Works Report

Projects Completed

- Water
 - Maintenance and S.O.P. for peristaltic pumps.
 - Phos # check Clyde.
 - Wastewater
 - 200,000 Gals of storage left in lagoons. Tracking influent
 - J.I. repaired grinder. Bearings, seals.
 - General
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In Progress

- Water
 - Turn Ons: 1
 - Tracking CECs.
 - Sending back CL testing tablets.
- Wastewater
 - Alum quote to be approved. Will order June 2nd.
 - J.I. building in line pressure gauge for back flushes/ Sewer main pressure testing.
 - Fountain Control panel.
 - Aluminum Sulfate Test 50:50 Water to Alum V 100% Alum.
 - Requested quote for WWTP generator. LU: March
 - Replacing cut GP power cable.
 - Copies of Saw Grant From OHM? TWP couldn't find our copies. LU: March
 - Voip at WWTP.
 - Voip at Water Treatment Plant.
- General
 - Tractor Snowblower Maintenance SOP.

- Large bags approved, out for delivery.
- Truck toolbox updates.
- Shop shelving update/ organize (BIG).
- Metal Storage unit Shelving additions.
- No response yet from WM for ordering Dump days dumpsters LLB, CH.
LU: 04-08
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- June???: Change Compactor Attendant Hours.
- June 14th and 15th: CH Dump days. 3 dumpsters, 1 scrap metal.
- June 19th: East Jordan Ironworks to do hydrant maintenance training.
- July 12th and 13th: LLB Dump Days. 4 dumpsters, 1 scrap metal.
- Fire extinguisher testing.
- RPZ and backflow testing.

Attention

- 200,000 Gals of storage left in lagoons. Tracking influent. Need at least one week of 41 or above during the day time for our lagoons to fully flip and begin discharging.
- As of this week, health department Covid WW sampling will continue.
- Large tree branches down in lower section of cemetery, nothing was damaged.

CHFD

4-8-25

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CHFD WAS HELD ON WED. APRIL 2, 2025

MIKE BROUGHT THE DEPT. UP TO DATE ON THE PHONE SERVICE FOR THE BLDG. THIS WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN COST OVER AT&T.

TRUMAN WILL BE CHECKING INTO A DEMO ON LITHIUM BATTERY FIRE EXTINGUISHING. AS MORE AND MORE ELECT. BATTERY CARS ARE ON THE MARKET ITS ONLY TIME BEFORE THE HARBOR MIGHT NEED TO EXTINGUISH AN ELECT. FIRE.

WE DISCUSSED ADDITIONAL EQUIPT. FOR WINTER TIME - THIS FALL - NEW ICE RESCUE SUITS AND TOOLS.

AT OUR MID-MONTH MEETING, EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT WAS EXERCISED AND TRUCK 1, 2 & 6 WERE ROAD TESTED TO THE END OF 41 AND BACK.

THERE WERE NO FIRE PAGEOUTS FOR THE MONTH, MEDICAL HAD A NUMBER OF PAGE OUTS.

ALSO, OUR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER WAS DISCUSSED AND SET WITH THE MARINER NORTH FOR FRI, JUNE, 13 5 TO 8 PM. ALSO, SET OUR ANNUAL TRASH CLEAN-UP

FOR THE NORTH HAVES OF TWP.

FOR LINE 14 AND LINE 15.

THATS ALL

T. BOOST



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 MARCH 2025

FIRE CALLS: 0

SERVICE CALLS: 2 – Traffic control copper dog 150
March 1st & 2nd.

EMS RUNS (FD ASSIST): 0

MONTHLY MEETING: March 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM – 8 present rest
excused

- Pumper tanker discussion
- Copper Dog 150 traffic discussion
- DNR grant 2025 – we will replace the Hydrovent request with a 5 way manifold, cap and Y gate valve – I will get approval from DNR
- Copper country Firefighters tournament in Laurium – June 21st.
- UP Firefighters tournament Forsyth Twp., Gwinn – July 25-27
- Budget submitted to township for 2025/2026
- Meetings in April – one on the 21st at 6:00 PM Meeting/Training

MONTHLY TRAINING: March 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM – 6 present rest
excused

- Run trucks
- Work on Rescue truck

OTHER: N/A

FIRST RESPONDER CALLS: 3/23/25 – one run to Bohemia.

SUBMITTED: Richard Olson

Chief Lac La Belle VFD

DATE: 4/1/25



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NOW HIRING

Seasonal Materials Management Assistant (Garbage & Recycling)

Open Application Dates: April 9th, 2025 to April 23rd, 2025

Anticipated Start Date: May 1st, 2025

POSITION SUMMARY

Grant Township is hiring a Seasonal Part-Time Materials Management Assistant to support local garbage and recycling operations. This hands-on role helps maintain clean and organized waste sites, while assisting residents with proper disposal practices.

JOB TYPE: Part-time Seasonal

STARTING PAY: \$17.50 Minimum

SCHEDULE: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays | 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ABOUT US

Grant Township, nestled in the northernmost region of Michigan, is dedicated to preserving the beauty and sustainability of our natural environment while serving our community with excellence. As stewards of our land and resources, we prioritize responsible management of outdoor spaces, solid waste, water, and wastewater to ensure the well-being of our residents and the preservation of our natural resources.



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ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Empty and maintain bear-proof garbage containers.
- Monitor and refill dog waste bag dispensers.
- Assist residents with proper use of garbage and recycling compactors.
- Help residents pack and organize cardboard into the designated trailer.
- Guide residents on what materials are acceptable for compactors and the cardboard trailer.
- Report when the cardboard trailer is full and ready for pickup.
- Keep garbage and recycling areas clean, orderly, and safe.
- Provide friendly, helpful support to the public during operating hours.
- Report any equipment malfunctions, safety concerns, or maintenance needs.
- Follow all safety and township waste handling procedures.
- **Grant Township may assign additional related tasks as needed.**

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Able to lift and carry up to 40 lbs.
- Comfortable working outdoors in various weather conditions.
- Friendly, helpful attitude and strong communication skills.
- Dependable and able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Experience in waste management, facilities, or public service is a plus but not required.
- Valid driver's license.



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BENEFITS

- Competitive hourly wage based on experience.
- Potential for additional hours depending on need and availability.
- Training and development opportunities to enhance skills and knowledge.
- Provision of company uniforms and safety gear.
- Supportive and inclusive work environment.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are passionate about maintaining outdoor spaces, managing waste responsibly, and supporting water and wastewater management efforts in our community, we encourage you to apply for this rewarding opportunity. Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter highlighting your qualifications and interest in the position to supervisor@granttownshipmi.org.

Grant Township is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We appreciate all applications; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Join us in making a difference in Grant Township's environment and community today!



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Grounds Maintenance, Solid Waste, Water, and Wastewater Assistant

Open Application Dates: April 9th, 2025 to April 23rd, 2025
Anticipated Start Date: May 1st, 2025

POSITION SUMMARY

Grant Township is seeking a versatile and dedicated individual to join our team as a Grounds Maintenance, Solid Waste, Water, and Wastewater Assistant. In this seasonal full-time role, you will play a vital role in maintaining the cleanliness, safety, and functionality of our outdoor areas while assisting with water and wastewater management tasks. Additionally, you will represent the township in a professional manner while interacting with residents and visitors.

JOB TYPE: Full-time Seasonal, and Part-time Seasonal

STARTING PAY: \$17.50 Minimum

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Perform routine grounds maintenance tasks, including mowing, trimming, weeding, and pruning, to uphold the beauty and functionality of township properties.
- Conduct thorough litter and debris cleanup to maintain cleanliness and orderliness in public spaces.
- Assist with the collection, sorting, and disposal of solid waste materials, ensuring compliance with waste management regulations and schedules.
- Safely operate and maintain equipment such as lawn mowers, trimmers, blowers, and waste compactors to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.
- Monitor waste receptacles and bins, emptying and maintaining them as needed, and promoting proper recycling and disposal practices.
- Assist with basic water management tasks, such as monitoring water levels, conducting inspections, and performing routine maintenance on water systems.
- Support wastewater management efforts by assisting with inspections, maintenance tasks, and record-keeping activities.
- Represent the township in a professional manner while interacting with residents, visitors, and other members of the community.
- Respond promptly to service requests and work orders related to grounds maintenance, solid waste, water, and wastewater management tasks.
- Collaborate closely with team members to coordinate activities and prioritize tasks effectively.
- Adhere strictly to safety procedures and guidelines, including proper handling and disposal of hazardous materials.
- Demonstrate flexibility in the workday to accommodate changing priorities and emergent tasks as needed.



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QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent qualification.
- Previous experience in grounds maintenance, landscaping, waste management, or water/wastewater operations is advantageous.
- Knowledge of basic horticultural principles, groundskeeping techniques, and water/wastewater systems is desirable.
- Familiarity with operating common grounds maintenance equipment and tools is preferred.
- Strong attention to detail and a commitment to delivering high-quality work.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team in a dynamic environment.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Physical fitness and stamina to perform tasks requiring moderate to heavy physical exertion in various weather conditions.
- Valid driver's license.

BENEFITS

- Competitive hourly wage based on experience.
- Potential for overtime hours during peak season.
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Meg Vivian North, Grant Township Supervisor
220 Gratiot Street
Copper Harbor, MI 49918
March 21, 2025

RE: Letter of Support – Funding Request for Brockway Mountain Drive, Keweenaw County

Dear Representative Markkanen,

On behalf of Grant Township, please accept this letter of support for the Keweenaw County Road Commission's (KCRC) application for Legislatively Directed Spending for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Brockway Mountain Drive.

We are providing this letter of support because 2.2 miles of Brockway Mountain Drive are located within Grant Township. This iconic roadway is a critical asset to our community and region, serving not only as a vital transportation corridor but also as a gateway to some of the most spectacular natural features in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Brockway Mountain Drive provides unparalleled opportunities for outdoor recreation, scenic viewing, and ecotourism—all of which are central to our township's identity and economy.

Numerous Michigan Nature Association hiking trails are accessed directly from this route, offering visitors immersive experiences in our unique boreal and northern hardwood forests. The mountain is also home to world-class biking trails, connecting cyclists to an expansive and challenging terrain popular with both residents and tourists. The Brockway Mountain Hawk Watch, which has been conducting bird migration counts for fifteen years, draws local schools, ornithologists and birding enthusiasts from across the country. In recent years, school busses are opting out of this valuable field experience because the road is in need of repair. Additionally, the summit of Brockway Mountain is one of the premier locations in the Midwest for stargazing under dark skies and offers panoramic views of Lake Superior that are both breathtaking and internationally recognized.

Brockway Mountain Drive also plays a central role in regional tourism during the fall color season, where its elevation provides a rare opportunity to drive above the forest canopy—a feature that attracts thousands of visitors each year and supports local businesses in Copper Harbor and beyond. In the winter months, it draws in travelers from all over the country who come to snowmobile and dog-sled through the Northwoods and over Brockway.

These attributes align closely with Grant Township's Master Plan goals of supporting sustainable tourism, promoting outdoor recreation, and protecting access to natural and scenic resources. As a community heavily reliant on nature-based tourism, the condition of this road is critical to our local economy, public safety, and overall visitor experience.

On behalf of Grant Township, we fully support KCRC's pursuit of Legislatively Directed Spending for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of Brockway Mountain Drive. We understand this scenic byway is not eligible for other annual State and Federal funding streams available to the Road Commission. Therefore, a special appropriation is the only viable means to restore the road to a safe and resilient condition that can serve residents and visitors alike for decades to come. This investment is not only necessary but urgent, as continued deterioration of the road would jeopardize public safety, economic activity, and access to treasured public lands.

If you would like more information about Grant Township's support for this application, please contact me directly at (906) 289-4292 or supervisor@granttownshipmi.org.

Sincerely,

Meg Vivian North
Grant Township Supervisor, Keweenaw



CopperDog, Inc.

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facebook.com/copperdog150

March 21, 2025

To Copper Harbor Community, Grant Township Board, CHIA, John Meilahn, and Bob Pokorski:

The 15th running of the CopperDog was a huge success largely in part to the Community of Copper Harbor.

CopperDog has received many messages from mushers, volunteers, and officials who are giving top marks for Copper Harbor! From the new start/finish gate and chute set up by John, the extra efforts of the cross-country grooming team led by Bob, the wonderful hospitality in the community building run by KORC, and the kid's dog sled rides sponsored by CHIA, it was a well-orchestrated checkpoint. In addition to this, Cheryl and Greg were extremely helpful in getting the permits we needed, as well as keeping communication open which is instrumental in making sure that things run smoothly.

CopperDog is only as good as communities. Thank you Copper Harbor for hosting CopperDog. We hope we can count on you again as we begin preparations for 2026.

Kelly Probst

CopperDog

Race Director/Board Member

Thank you Copper Harbor for a great
race weekend!

Kelly