



Grant Township Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025 6:00pm

Grant Township Meeting Hall

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Pledge of Allegiance

Call To Order – 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Present – Greg, Staci, Cheryl, Karen Karl – Deputy Supervisor

Absent – Meg, Art

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- Motion to approve May 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Agenda – **Motion to approve** by Cheryl, 2nd Greg; all in favor – **Motion Carries**
- Motion to approve May 7, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes – **Motion to approve** by Greg, 2nd Staci; all in favor – **Motion Carries**
- Motion to approve April 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes – **Motion to approve** with the following amendments to Bill Pay: General total to \$21,630.28; Bill Pay total to 231,770.61 by Cheryl, 2nd Greg; 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) BSA Update- BSA will be unavailable from May 16 8:30 am until our go live on Monday May 19th.
- 3) Hunters Point Marina Access is closed for maintenance. Please use the main trailhead and stay off that section of trail until it is repaired.

Department Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

- a) General fund balance is \$671,536.60
- b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$173,856.44
- c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$247,507.59
- d) Water fund balance is \$261,629.41
- e) Sewer fund balance is 266,833.87

2. Maintenance Department Report – see reports below

3. Public Safety Report

- a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – Annual spaghetti dinner will be Friday, June 13th at the Mariner North; **see report below**
- b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – **see report below**

4. Cemetery Report - none

Committee Reports

1) Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm.; Michelle Halley may become the DDA's new attorney; a committee has been formed for the drone show for Fourth of July; all of the Christmas lights have been taken down

2) Parks Committees

- a) Lac La Belle – **see below**
- b) Copper Harbor - none

Old Business

1. Resolutions 2025-34 & 2025-35 2024-2025 Budget Amendments

Resolution #2025-34 Amend the 2024-25 FY General Fund Budget as follows:

101-446 Roads, Streets and Bridges (Maint.)	\$547.50
101-528 Rubbish Collection/Disposal	\$544.09

751-756 Parks & Rec Repairs & Maint. \$405.35

Total: \$1,496.94

Resolution 2025-35 Amend the 2024-25 FY Fire Millage Budget as follows:

206-339 Copper Harbor Firefighting \$1,358.67

206-440 Lac La Belle Firefighting \$983.99

Total: \$2,342.66

Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-34 and 2025-35 by Cheryl; **Roll Call** – Greg – Aye, Staci – Aye, Cheryl – Aye; Absent: Meg, Art; **Motion Carries**

2. **Resolution 2025-36** Authorizing payment for attending Heartlands Meetings as follows:

- a. Sam Raymond, or any duly authorized member of Grant Township Board of Trustees, who attends Heartlands Committee meetings and/or prepares a report for the Board of Trustees, shall be compensated at the current Deputy hourly rate for all time spent attending such meetings and preparing such reports.
- b. Compensation shall be paid upon submission of appropriate documentation detailing the time spent on these activities, subject to standard township payroll and approval procedures.
- c. This authorization is effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect unless amended or rescinded by the Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-36 by Staci; **Roll Call** – Greg – Aye, Staci – Aye, Cheryl – Aye; Absent – Meg, Art; **Motion Carries**

3. **Resolution 2025-37** To award the contract to Rock Solid pending approval from the MDNR as follows:

Grant Township, Keweenaw County, has solicited bids for the construction of Keweenaw Point Phase 3 Trail, Section 2; Rock Solid Trail Contracting has submitted a bid in the amount of \$547,678.65 for the completion of said project; the Township Board has reviewed the bid and determined that it meets all specifications and requirements as set forth in the bidding documents.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-37, to accept the bid of \$547,678.65 submitted by Rock Solid Trail Contracting for the construction of Keweenaw Point Phase 3 Trail, Section 2 – by Greg; **Roll Call** – Greg – Aye, Staci – Aye, Cheryl – Aye; Absent – Meg, Art; **Motion Carries**

New Business

1. **LLB EMS AED battery purchase for the current unit, or replacement of entire unit (one that uses less expensive batteries) – Motion to approve purchase of a Zoll AED+ for up to \$2021.00**
– by Cheryl, 2nd Staci; **Roll call** – Greg – Y, Staci – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent – Meg, Art; **Motion Carries**

2. **Approvals for new hires:**
Motion to approve - hiring Dickie Selfe, Bill Quackenbush and Maryanne Quackenbush to work recycling – by Greg to approve all three, 2nd Cheryl; all in favor; **Motion Carries**

Motion to approve - hiring Amy Bory, Adam Bory and Mike Jukuri for seasonal help – by Greg to approve all three, 2nd Cheryl; all in favor; **Motion Carries**

Motion to approve - Zach Elmore to sample lagoons, after a waiver is signed – by Cheryl, 2nd Greg; all in favor; **Motion Carries**

3. **Motion to change the meeting location for June's regular Board Meeting to LLB (6/10/25) – by Cheryl, 2nd Greg; all in favor; Motion Carries**

4. **Motion to approve allowing the CHTC to do the following:**
 - a) Extend the music for the Labor Day Event until 11:00pm
 - b) Use the fire pits for all events
 - c) Use the band shell for Labor Day events**Motion to approve a, b and c – by Cheryl, 2nd Staci; all in favor; Motion carries**

Agenda Request (Guests) Section

Adam Yeoman to speak on the Keweenaw Point Phase 3 Trail Section 2, Grant award and deliver the CHTC trail report:

Thank you for approving the contract for the Keweenaw Point Phase 3 Trail, Section 2. I sent Meg financial statements. The bid is higher than what's left in the trust fund balance, but lower than anticipated, and I wanted to reassure the board there are funds available to cover the overages and answer any questions. (no questions)

Trail Report: The trails on Grant Township property, Flow, Berry Picker, Overflow and Hunter's Point connector trails are all inspected and cleared. We expect to announce the opening of trails Thursday or Friday, pending a couple of things in the rest of the core system in town.

Public Comment Period

❖ Policy/Rules for Public Comment

- Any Resident/taxpayer wishing to address the Board, must be first be 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>

Sam Raymond: After following the progress on the Point Trail system for about a decade and a half, excited to see Phase 3, the final phase, moving forward. Wanted to reiterate that we need affordable housing.

Financial Wrap-up

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$55,213.81 broken down as follows:

Water..... \$ 1,949.24
Sewer..... \$ 5,474.46
Fire..... \$ 1,906.04
General..... \$17,822.21
April Payroll..... \$28,061.86

And adjourn, made by Staci, 2nd Greg; **Roll Call** – Greg – Y, Staci – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Meg, Art; **Motion Carries**

Meeting adjournment - 6:39pm