



Grant Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2021 6:00 pm
Grant Township Community Center
220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918
Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

6:02 pm

Board Members Present: Supervisor Scott Wendt, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Clerk Greg Mielcarz, Trustees Art Davis and Ned Huwatschek.

Agenda Additions and Approval

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda made by Mielcarz//Huwatschek.
All were in favor. Motion is carried 5-0.
2. Approve 9-14-21 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve 09/14/2021 regular Township Board meeting made by Mielcarz/Huwatschek. Davis and Filsinger abstained. Huwatschek, Mielcarz and Wendt voted Aye. 3 ayes, 2 abstained. Motion is carried 3-0.

Supervisors' Remarks and Correspondence

Supervisor's Open Office Hours (always 2 and 3rd Sat)

CH Oct 9 10am-12

LLB Oct 16 10am-12

Brief Public Comment

Department Reports

1. Financial
 - a. Treasurer Report

General Fund	\$401,256.28
Fire	\$396,392.48
DDA	\$80,790.81
 - i. New Deputy Intro
Bequita Parks

b. Clerk Report

Amount of bills to be audited by Trustees

General Fund	\$14,187.24
Sewer	\$4,541.32
Water	\$1,494.25
Fire	\$16,795.68
Total amount	\$37,018.49

2. Utility Board

Harbor Coast LLC Contract has been approved. Harbor Coast LLC is buying some Firefighting supplies and equipment. Water tank inspection has been completed. Next meeting on October 19, 2021

3. Public Safety

a. Copper Harbor Fire Department

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wed. Oct. 6, 2021. We discussed the live fire demo from the Mich. Propane Assoc. In Aamek on Sept. 20th. 5 members attended and were informed and impressed. All communities North of Mohawk only have propane for gas usage.

The drop tank was setup from the 6x6 tanker and filled. Both portable pumps and floating pumps were exercised and the 6x6 truck was emptied for the winter.

At our mid-month meeting all turn out gear was checked before the live fire demo, including SCBA air packs, for 5 firefighters

There were no fire pages for the month. The medical unit had a number of pages for the month.

b. Lac La Belle Fire Department

Fire calls	0
Service calls	1-Lift Assist (2 fireman)
EMS runs (FD assist)	1-Lift and EMS (2 firemen)

Monthly Meeting September 23rd, 2021. 6pm

Truck repairs and service-Engine 1 needs brakes, gauges, new drain valve and we will be installing to help drain issue.

Propane training was on the 20th. 4 attended.

Still no progress on brush truck order number.

Meeting on the 22nd with training committee and D Sarazin and Sean Jacques went well. Will work together but hosting different classes.

Final on fish boil after expenses - \$4,030.40 out of the \$6,100.00. We did

Stock up items to be used on future fish boils.

October training 14th and meeting on the 28th.

Monthly training September 9th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Ran engine 1 and pump, ran all trucks,

9-20-2021 – Propane training – 4 attended

9-23-2021 CPR class – 7 attended

First responder calls: 3 (Assisted by 2 firemen on 2 calls)

- c. Keweenaw Sheriff. - No report
- d. First Responders - No report

Standing Committee Reports

1. Downtown Development Authority
 - a. No Meeting
2. South Shore Association
 - a. Recycling Ends Nov 1
 - b. Thanks To Jim V. for volunteering all season
3. Parks Committees
 - a. Lac La Belle
 - i. Haven Falls Electrification- Bill submitted
 - b. Copper Harbor
Signs ordered for parks. Porta potties to be removed except for 10th street Dock.
4. Copper Harbor Improvement Association – No report

Unfinished Business

1. Diamond Communications Cell Tower Update
 - a. No Update
2. Wastewater Lease Agreement Expiration
 - a. Lease agreement is DNR Park Official Chain
3. American Rescue Plan Act
 - a. Needed to make 2 amendments
 - b. PO Address/Top Budget Line
4. Recreation Plan Draft Contract Agreement WUPPDR
 - a. First Meeting 10/6
 - b. WUPPDR generating survey - 30 days open
 - c. Committee is editing Rachel's Survey for release
5. Jamsen Rezoning
 - a. Send approved minutes to Mark E. and Chuck M.
6. Hannula/Burton Insurance Visit- Policy Re-Evaluation
 - a. Large Risk is lack of functional Employee Handbook/Safety:
 - i. Safety Training <https://safetyskills.com/industries/municipalities/>
 1. Pay by course/can generate quotes
 2. Eagle Harbor is interested in Collaboration
 - ii. Grants Cycles are open for risk reduction
 - iii. Contact Road commission to repair curb by welcome center door

7. Website- OPUSWEB: [Website-OPUS WEB](#)
 - a. Draft Update. Scott A Ochodnicky is working on it.
 - b. Will need to amend the original contract for the online payment option.
8. Keweenaw Heartlands
 - a. Meetings with The Nature Conservancy
 - i. Local Government Collaboration
 1. Bob Demarois requested on next KC Board meeting
 2. [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(i1ftcyb2nugafpaic5ato05j\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectName=mcl-act-261-of-1965](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(i1ftcyb2nugafpaic5ato05j))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectName=mcl-act-261-of-1965).
 3. Nature Conservancy to act as a bridge to hold the land.

New Business

1. Michigan Rural Water Association
 1. <https://www.mrwa.net/>
 2. Application : \$360/year prorated.
 3. Training/Grants/Free services.

Motion to approve joining Michigan Rural Water Association for \$360.00 per year made by Huwatschek/Mielcarz. The board was polled:

Wendt	Aye
Filsinger	Aye
Mielcarz	Aye
Davis	Aye
Huwatschek	Aye

5-eyes 0-nays. The motion is carried 5-0.
2. Solid Waste
 - a. Continue to have major problems with old supplier.
 - b. Generic orange “ Official” bags ordered 2-3 weeks.
 - c. New supplier sought.
3. Requested Agenda Items:
 1. Pedestrian/Bicycle Design Facilities Project

Committee formed in 2019. Working towards safe parking and safe pedestrian and bicycle routes. Tap Grant to pay for plan.
Would like to reconvene committee to get the project going again.
 - ❖ Policy/Rules for Public Comment
 - The public comment portion of the public meeting shall last approximately 20 minutes.
 - Any Resident/taxpayer wishing to address the Board, must be first recognized by the Chair, then identify themselves by name, address of residence.
 - Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to comment.

- Each speaker will be given six (6)minutes total for public comment over the course of the meeting.
- Comments are to be directed solely to the board not to audience members.
- No official Board action will take place on items presented in the public comment period. Matters addressed publicly will be taken under advisement, with the Board responding directly to the person at a later date or the Board will respond during a future public meeting as an agenda item

Financial Wrap UP

Motion to approve Treasurer's Retreat for MTA the end of October, not to exceed the amount of \$1100.00

Adjournment