



## **Grant Township Board**

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022, 6:00 pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

**Meeting called to order at 6:00pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Present** - Misty Filsinger, Ned Huwatschek, Art Davis, Scott Ochodnicky

**Absent** - None

**Zoom** - None

**Agenda/Minutes Additions and Approvals**

**Motion to Approve the July 12, 2022, Agenda** - put forward by Art D, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0

**Motion to Approve March 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 Truth and Taxation Hearing Minutes** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F, Art D abstains, Motion carries 3-0-1

**Motion to Approve March 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 Annual Budget Hearing Minutes** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Ned H, Art D abstains, Motion carries 3-0-1

**Motion to Approve May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Art D, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0

**Motion to Approve June 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** - put forward by Ned H, seconded by Art D, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0

**Supervisors' Remarks and Correspondence** – Position is vacant

Supervisor's Open Office Hours – None

## **Election 2022 Update – Read by Township Clerk Scott Ochodnicky**

1. First Election Commission meeting was held July 11, 2022 to appoint (4) Election Inspectors; Minutes to be posted for all Election Commission meetings
2. Next meeting scheduled for Sunday 2pm July 17, 2022 to appoint Receiving Board, AVCB Inspectors and Alternate Election Inspectors
3. Candidates filing deadline to appear on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot for Supervisor or Clerk position as 'No party' affiliation is Thursday July 21, 2022
4. State Primary Election is Tuesday August 2, 2022
5. Election 2022 Summary webpage to be launched

## **Department Reports**

1. Financial
  - a. Treasurer Report – provided by Misty Filsinger
    - i. General fund balance is \$516,955.23
    - ii. Fire dept. fund balance is \$453,182.81
    - iii. Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$109,821.93
  - b. Clerk Report - None
2. Utility Board - provided by Bob Pokorski
  - a. Tom Wierciak has resigned as of July 5<sup>th</sup> from the Copper Harbor Wastewater/Water Operator position, will continue to submit reports through August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Updated job description for Operator position to be posted
  - c. Bob P has contacted EGLE and Michigan Rural Water Association for guidance as to next steps
  - d. Open House to be held July 20<sup>th</sup> at the water treatment facility
  - e. Financial reports requested by Bob P
  - f. Water let run policy created for extreme cold days in winter months to be submitted to Township Board for review
  - g. Status update requested by Bob P regarding newly acquired Township land adjacent to water treatment facility
  - h. Open positions on Utility Board: Nominations appreciated
3. Public Safety
  - a. Copper Harbor Fire Department - None
  - b. Lac La Belle Fire Department - None
  - c. Keweenaw Sheriff - None
  - d. First Responders – Paramedic Mike Musiel provides update, we only have 3 EMS workers in the entire County area, more are needed

## Standing Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (CH DDA)
  - a. Sue Pokorski's street stencil project approved
  - b. Motion to Appoint Sue Pokorski as Township Stencil Committee Chair** – put forward by Misty F, seconded by Art D, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0
2. Board of Review
  - a. Alternate board member needed
  - b. Next meeting Tuesday morning July 19 2022 at 10:30am, notice posted
3. South Shore Association - provided by Jim Valsa
  - a. Lac La Belle Dumpster Days 2022 is Saturday/Sunday July 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>
  - b. SSA Summerfest is August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 1-4pm
4. Parks Committees
  - a. Lac La Belle - provided by Jim Valsa, Union Park brush clearing
  - b. Copper Harbor - None
5. Copper Harbor Improvement Association – provided by Peg Kauppi, CHIA is seeking new people
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – provided by Committee Member Scott Ochodnicki
  - a. Held 3 presentations recently at the June DDA and Board meetings as well as the June 27<sup>th</sup> public invite presentation
  - b. Next meeting date not yet set
  - c. Summary webpage to be launched soon

## Unfinished Business, Status Updates

1. Summer 2022 Garbage/Recycling/Dumpster Days summary webpage has been created and will be updated and improved upon over time – updated and Scott Ochodnicki shares vision of future of this portion of website
2. Keweenaw Point Trail Phase III status – Scott Ochodnicki asks Nathan Miller from CHTC to provide overview and status update

## New Business

1. Two Resignations – provided by Ned Huwatschek
  - a. Kirk Filsinger Resignation Letter dated June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Tom Wierciak Resignation E-mail dated July 5<sup>th</sup>

- c. Open job postings to follow
2. Lac La Belle pavilion repair:  
**Motion to Approve up to \$1000 for pavilion repairs** - put forward by Ned H, seconded by Art D, – **Roll Call vote** – Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D Aye, Scott O aye, Motion carries 4-0-0
3. Presentation of stump disposal at old Lac La Belle bear pit dump provided by Bob and Ray from Lac La Belle at the request of Ned Huwatschek
4. Copper Harbor Trails Club (CHTC) seeking approval from Grant Township Board for upgrading the rough trail from near the bottom of The Flow/Overflow to the Hunters Point Trail – Nathan Miller discusses project  
**Motion to Approve trail upgrade** – put forward by Art D, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0

### Public Comment Period

- Bob Pokorski notes that the CHTC trail upgrade will also need MDOT approval.
- Adam Millsap talks about trash found on Porter's Island immediately following the July 5<sup>th</sup> fireworks show.
- Mike Borlee requests that 5 years audit results and budget numbers be made available from Township.
- Chris Guibert expresses concern regarding the conduct of previous Township Supervisor.

#### ❖ 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, 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

- Grant Township Board can be contacted throughout the month by phone, mail, and/or e-mail and complete contact information can be found here: <https://granttownshipmi.org/contact.php>

## Financial Wrap UP

The Clerk's Office reports this month's bills to be approved:

**Total: \$53,464.03**

**Motion to Adjourn and Approve this month's expenditures** put forward by Scott O, seconded by Art D - **Roll Call Vote** – Misty F, Ned H aye, Art D aye, Scott O aye, Motion carries 4-0-0

**Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm**

*Vote tallies recorded in Meeting Minutes as Aye/Yes - Nah/No - Abstain  
(Absent excluded from tally)*