



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 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

Motion to Appoint Township Supervisor – put forward by Misty F, seconded by Art D, – **Roll Call vote** – Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D Aye, Scott O abstains, Motion carries 3-0-1 – Misty Filsinger administers the Oath of Office to Scott Ochodnicky

Agenda/Minutes Additions and Approvals

1. **Motion to Approve August 9th 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda** – put forward by Ned H, seconded by Art D, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0
2. **Motion to Approve July 12th 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Art D, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0
3. **Motion to Approve July 18th 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Misty F, seconded by Art D, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0
4. **Motion to Approve July 18th 2022 Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0

Resignation: Deputy Clerk Amanda Wais letter of resignation dated August 5th 2022 has been acknowledged

Supervisors' Remarks and Correspondence

Supervisor's Open Office Hours – None for August

Election 2022 Update – Provided by Scott Ochodnický

1. Election Commission held 3 meetings in July 2022, Minutes posted
2. The State Primary Election was held on Tuesday August 2nd 2022, Grant Township didn't have anything on the ballot
3. The November 8th 2022 General Election will have the following persons on the ballot for Grant Township
 - a) Supervisor: Scott Ochodnický and Alex Protzel
 - b) Clerk: Gregory Paul Lis
 - c) School Board: Kirk Filsinger, Staci Gibson, and Miranda Kilpela Davis
4. Elections announcements posted online

CH Wastewater/Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Transition Solution Update – Provided by Scott Ochodnický

1. Village of Baraga assisting during transition for Wastewater
 - a. Up to \$8000 was approved at the July 18th 2022 Special Board meeting to have Village of Baraga assist Copper Harbor Wastewater treatment facility to meet regulatory compliance for 60 days period from July 25th through September 23rd
2. Upper Michigan Water Company is assisting during transition for Water regulatory compliance
3. Grant Township continues to meet all regulatory compliance obligations without disruption for both wastewater and water operations at the WWTP in Copper Harbor
4. EGLE and the Copper Harbor WWTP account within the MiWaters portal; Updating the System Administrator has been completed already
 - a. **Motion to Approve Scott Ochodnický as EGLE System Administrator for Grant Township** – put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, Motion carries 4-0-0

Township Job Position Vacancy Update - Provided by Scott Ochodnick

1. Wastewater/Water Operator –
 - a. 6 applicants to date, interviews to begin soon
 - b. Redundancies, backup plans important
 - c. Existing maintenance team staff William Kotajarvi introduces himself to attendees and Board, expresses interest in obtaining L-2 wastewater certification
2. We need Deputies, a maintenance person, and an office person, new job postings and hires to follow

Department Reports

- a. Treasurer Report – provided by Misty Filsinger
 - i. General fund balance is \$501,578.01
 - ii. Fire dept. fund balance is \$454,110.72
 - iii. Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$107,406.84
2. Clerk Report - None
3. Public Safety
 - a. Copper Harbor Fire Department – Tom Boost provides update
 - b. Lac La Belle Fire Department - None
 - c. Keweenaw Sheriff - None
 - d. First Responders - None

Standing Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (CH DDA) – provided by Scott Ochodnick
 - a. Sue Pokorski's street stencil project completed
 - b. July DDA meeting was cancelled, next meeting Tuesday August 23rd 6pm
2. Board of Review – Tom Boost provides update
 - a. Alternate board member needed
 - b. Meeting was held on July 19th 2022
3. South Shore Association – Jim Valsa provides update
4. Parks Committees
 - a. Lac La Belle - Jim Valsa provides update
 - b. Copper Harbor - None
5. Copper Harbor Improvement Association - None
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee - None

Old Business

1. Post-fireworks cleanup policy was added to the August DDA Agenda
2. Township financial reports to be posted online before September Regular Board meeting; will be based on MTA recommendations
3. Lac La Belle pavilion repair completed

New Business

1. **Motion to Approve up to \$1500 for new laptop for CH Water/Sewer facility** – put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F - **Roll Call vote** – Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D Aye, Scott O aye, Motion carries 4-0-0
2. **Motion to Approve up to \$4500 for Township shipping container for storage at Water/Sewer facility** – put forward by Ned H, seconded by Scott O - **Roll Call vote** – Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D Aye, Scott O aye, Motion carries 4-0-0

Public Comment Period begins 6:33pm

- Jeff Ihde updates us on Performances in the Park, provides feedback that storage garage could be painted to make it look better
- Kirk Filsinger updates on grinder pump delivery and storage
- Gina Nicholas inquires about recent Nature Conservancy meeting, Kirk F, Misty F and Scott O provide feedback
- Sam Raymond says thank you
- Tom Boost updates regarding 2nd consecutive year of obtaining grant for CH Fire Dept from Portage Health Foundation

❖ 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: \$40,925.62

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

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