

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held at the Grant Township Hall

230 Gratiot Street

Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Minutes for July 13, 2021

Supervisor Scott Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

- **Roll Call** Scott Wendt, Ned Huwatek, Misty Filsinger, Art Davis, Greg Meilcarz joined via Go to meeting @ 6:05p.m.
- **Motion** to adopt agenda put forth by Wendt/Huwatek. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
- **Motion** to approve meeting minutes from 6-8-2021 put forth by Filsinger/Huwatek. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve 6-29-2021 special meeting minutes put forth by Huwatek/Filsinger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Motion** to approve \$550.00 to Dan Fosner for utility work on the township hall door installation put forth by Davis. Roll call 5 yes 0 no. Motion carried.

Supervisor's remarks and correspondence. Thank you letter for the new road signs. LLB Dumpster Days 7-18-2021. Supervisor's office hours LLB 7-17-2021 10am-12pm. CH July 24, 2021 10.a.m.-12p.m. Board of Review 7-20-2021 GT Community Center 10:30 a.m.

Department Reports

Financials

General \$507,457.29

Fire \$403,412.38

DDA \$86,965.78

Standing Committee Reports

DDA- big thank you to Don Kauppi for the wonderful fireworks display

End of the Road car show is this weekend

PARKS-LLB is working on getting a sandy volleyball court and working on grants for a playground/pavilion area.

CHIA-AD The Ihde's presented \$1717.00 collected monies that will be earmarked for The Donny Kilpela Permanent Band Shell. Theses monies came in from donations during Performances at the Park.

SOUTH SHORE ASSOCIATION-the midsummer bon fire was greatly attended. LLBFD Rummage sale is seeking donations, not clothing, for their rummage sale that will take place July 17, 2021

at the Fire Department. Donations are accepted 7-16-21 from 9am. Until 3p.m. and 7-17-2021 from 9am until noon. Summerfest will be held 8-1-2021. The LLBVFD Fish Boil will be on 8-7-2021. See Ned Huwatek if you need to buy tickets.

Unfinished Business

Website development is a work in progress that has been somewhat put on the back burner due to other priorities that need to be taken care of in the township. We will be adding a taxpayer portal that will allow you to pay your taxes online. This is **NOT** up and running yet, please continue to pay your taxes in the same manner as you have in the past.

Our public works position has been filled by William Kotajarvi. Please welcome him if you see him.

Diamond Towers update was given by Bill Eddy. They are waiting for an update from the tower company, and once the review is complete, the hearing will be scheduled. He thought that this may take place in the first or second week of August.

Summer Congestion and extra police presence. The Sheriff's Department is seeking an employee for Grant Township's contract. The requisition is posted on Indeed.com and other various social media platforms.

Wastewater Lease Agreement

Negotiations are underway for the township to erect a storage unit on the west side of the building that we already have in place. Also, the township has agreed to a price reduction in lieu of rental fee with the DNR.

CH entrance Sign. Thank you to Art Davis for spear heading this project. Davis will call Koski signs and retrieve our old sign for use in the township.

Vehicle Update. The Township truck is in production. We are in desperate need as our employees are using their own cars.

New Business

LLB will be receiving a 20 yard teepee style Recycling dumpster from Waste Management. They will be open for recycling Mondays from 3p.m. to 6p.m. The recycling will be run by volunteers from LLB to start with and we will adjust hours accordingly. This will only be seasonal.

- **Motion** to approve LLB recycling container put forth by Wendt/Filsinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

American rescue Plan. Wendt/Filsinger will finish up the application process. Approximate funding available for the township will be \$22,399.00 for specified purposes.

Tom Wierciak requested a 40 yard dumpster for township disposal. The amount of the dumpster is \$1300.00.

- **Motion** put forth by Davis to approve a 40 yard dumpster for Public Works to clean up debris. This will be split paid by the general fund and the water fund. Roll call vote. 5 yes 0 no. Motion carried.

Requested Agenda Items

Request from Sam Raymond to finalize and approve the license agreement with CHTC. This is a work in progress. Request to submit MNRTF Access Protection grant extension. This has not hit our desk. The township is aware of the expiration date and will not miss the extension. Request to submit the MNRTF extension for Keweenaw Point phase 3. Request for parade permit application for Trail's Fest. This has been submitted and Nathan will send Scott the times that are needed for the closing.

Public Comments were given by several residents.

- **Motion** put forth by Filsinger to pay the approved audited bills for the Township in the amount of \$43,004.80. Roll Call Vote. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.