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## **Grant Township Board**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 pm

Lac La Belle Fire Hall & Community Center

11819 Superior St, Mohawk, MI 49950

Phone: (906) 289-4777

**Meeting called to order at 6:02pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

**Absent** - None

**Zoom** – None

**Agenda/Minutes Additions and Approvals**

1. **Motion to Approve December 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda** – put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, Motion carries 5-0-0
2. **Motion to Approve November 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** –put forward by Misty F, seconded by Greg L, all in favor Motion carries 5-0-0
3. **Motion to Approve December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 Budget Review Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Greg L, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, Motion carries 5-0-0

**Supervisor Hours** for December 2022 - Saturday Dec. 17th 2pm-4pm in LLB and Saturday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 2pm-4pm in CH.

**Treasurer's Office Hours** for December 2022 - Wednesday Dec. 28th 9am-5pm in CH to accept in-person tax payments.

**Department Reports**

1. Treasurer's Office Report
  - a) General fund balance is \$385,806.38
  - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$442,561.90
  - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$87,179.84

- d) Budget Review Meeting held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott O briefly discusses the benefit of doing this each year around the 8 months year-to-date mark
2. Clerk's Office Report - None
3. Water & Sewer Billing Dept - None
4. Maintenance Department Report –
  - a) Truman Jones introduction in LLB, provides brief update
  - b) Recycling Days changed to Monday's and Thursday's; Notices posted
5. Public Safety Report
  - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – None
  - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – Rick provides brief update including States rules changes
  - c) Keweenaw Sheriff - None
  - d) First Responders - None

### **Standing Board/Committee Reports**

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (CH DDA) – No November meeting held
2. Board of Review –
  - a) December meeting was Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in CH (this morning)
  - b) **Motion to Confirm Reappointment of Member Tom Boost for 2 years** – put forward by Greg L, seconded by Scott O, all in favor, Motion carries 5-0-0
  - c) **Motion to Confirm Reappointment of Member Barry Koljonen for 2 years** – put forward by Ned H, seconded by Greg L, all in favor, Motion carries 5-0-0
  - d) **Motion to Confirm Reappointment of Member Marty Faassen for 2 years** – put forward by Art D, seconded by Ned H, all in favor, Motion carries 5-0-0
  - e) **Motion to Approve March Board of Review dates/times** – Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm and Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-9pm – put forward by Ned H, seconded by Misty F, all in favor, Motion carries 5-0-0
3. School Board – Member Kirk Filsinger provides brief update
4. 5-Year Recreation Plan Steering Committee - None
5. Parks Committees
  - a) Lac La Belle - None
  - b) Copper Harbor - None
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee - None

## Old Business

- Fire truck purchase update
  - Made Chassis payment of \$55,186.00 in 2021 for LLB truck
  - Made Chassis payment of \$43,825.00 in 2021 for CH truck
  - Both truck VIN have arrived and are as follows:
    - Remaining payment due upon delivery is \$154,083.00 for LLB truck VIN 1FD0W5HT5NEG17202
    - Remaining payment due upon delivery is \$161,504.00 for CH truck VIN 1FD0W5HN1NEG17201
    - **Motion to Approve the remaining amounts owed with contingencies** - put forward by Greg L, seconded by Scott O - **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D aye, Greg L aye, Motion carries 5-0-0
      - Contingencies: Tom Boost may adjust CH truck specs if desired within the approved amount and VIN numbers to be added to the purchase agreement
- Assistant Sexton position filled, Johanna Davis was selected from 3 inquiries

## New Business

- 1) **Resolution #20-2022 to Dissolve the 'Grant Township – Copper Harbor Utilities Board'** - offered by Scott O, seconded by Misty F - **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D aye, Greg L aye, Motion carries 5-0-0
- 2) **Resolution #21-2022 to Authorize Copper Harbor Water & Sewer Billing Penalties Adjustments** - offered by Scott O, seconded by Greg L - **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D aye, Greg L aye, Motion carries 5-0-0
- 3) **Resolution #22-2022 to Offer Health Care Expense Reimbursement** - offered by Scott O, seconded by Greg L - **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Ned H aye, Art D aye, Greg L aye, Motion carries 5-0-0
- 4) **Motion to Approve Truman Jones as Editor status within the EGLE MiWaters account** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Greg L, all in favor Motion carries 5-0-0
- 5) **Motion to Appoint representative of Grant Township to TNC Land Meetings held by RES Associates, LLC's principal John Molinaro** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Art D, all in favor Motion carries 5-0-0

**Agenda Request (Guests) Section – None for December**

**Public Comment Period - at 6:56pm – Brief discussion regarding old LLB dumpsite status**

❖ **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: \$54,470.70 including payroll**

**Motion to Approve this month's expenditures and to Adjourn** - put forward by Greg L, seconded by Art D - **Roll Call Vote** – Ned H aye, Misty F aye, Scott O aye, Greg L aye, Art D aye, Motion carries 5-0-0

**Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm**

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



**Grant Township**

Grant Township Board Resolution

December 13, 2022

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

**Grant Township Board Resolution #20-2022**

**Resolution to Dissolve the ‘Grant Township – Copper Harbor Utilities Board’**

**Whereas**, the Grant Township Board wishes to formally end the ‘Copper Harbor Utilities Board’, citing Article IV DISSOLUTION of the original November 1991 Resolution.

**Whereas**, the Grant Township Board wishes to confirm ending any other similar past Boards/Committees.

**Whereas**, the Grant Township Board will handle all previous critical functions of any prior Utility Board(s), directly, including hiring/firing of maintenance staff, updating water/sewer rates and charges, etc.

**Whereas**, the Grant Township Board intends to give consideration to the formation of a newly created ‘Grant Township Utilities Advisory Committee’ in early 2023, after thorough and careful consideration of the roles and responsibilities of such a Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the ‘Grant Township – Copper Harbor Utilities Board’ has been dissolved, on this day of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The foregoing Resolution is offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Is second offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following voted ‘aye’ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and ‘nay’/abstains \_\_\_\_\_

The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted, signed \_\_\_\_\_

The Clerk, signed \_\_\_\_\_



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**Grant Township Board Resolution #21-2022**

**Resolution to Authorize Copper Harbor Water & Sewer Billing**

**Penalties Adjustments**

**Whereas**, the Grant Township Board wishes to make the Copper Harbor Water & Sewer Billing Dept.'s penalties adjustments processes and procedures more efficient.

**Whereas**, the Grant Township Board wishes to provide blanket authorization to the Copper Harbor Water & Sewer Billing Dept., to proceed with up to \$10 per account penalties adjustments each month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Copper Harbor Water & Sewer Billing Dept. has a \$10/account allowance for penalties adjustments, on this day of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The foregoing Resolution is offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Is second offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following voted 'aye' \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and 'nay'/abstains \_\_\_\_\_

The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted, signed \_\_\_\_\_

The Clerk, signed \_\_\_\_\_



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**Grant Township Board Resolution #22-2022  
Resolution to Offer Health Care Expense Reimbursement**

**Whereas**, Grant Township will create new job descriptions for all existing and future employment positions, and define them as being full-time salary, full-time hourly, part-time hourly, or seasonal hourly, and will retain a signed employment contract for each position, including existing positions.

**Whereas**, Grant Township will recognize a consistent (32) hours per week as full-time and eligible for various employment benefits.

**Whereas**, Grant Township wishes to provide \$150/month health care expense reimbursement, for all full-time staff, whether salaried or paid hourly, effective October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, until such a time that Grant Township offers a health care package.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Grant Township provides \$150/month health care expense reimbursement, for all full-time staff, effective October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, on this day of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The foregoing Resolution is offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Is second offered by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following voted 'aye' \_\_\_\_\_

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The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted, signed \_\_\_\_\_

The Clerk, signed \_\_\_\_\_