



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 14th, 2023, 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, Greg Lis, Scott Ochodnick, Art Davis

Absent - None

Zoom – None

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. **Motion to Approve February 14th 2023 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 January 10th 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes** – Put forward by Ned H, seconded by Misty F, all in favor. Motion carries 5-0-0

Supervisor Hours for February 2023 - Saturday Feb. 18th 2pm-4pm in LLB and Saturday Feb. 25th 2pm-4pm in CH.

Budget Meetings, Notices, Minutes to be Posted

- First Pre-Annual Budget Meeting was yesterday February 13th
- Second Pre-Annual Budget Meeting is Monday February 20th at 11am
- Annual Budget Meeting is Friday March 24th at 11am

TNC Land Meetings

- Scott Ochodnick attended Supervisors meeting on January 11th
- Greg Lis attended meetings on 25th and 26th as Township representative

Keweenaw County Public Hearing on March 14th at 2pm regarding a petition to abandon a public road

Department Reports

1. Treasurer's Office Report provided by Misty F
 - a) General fund balance is \$549,468.96
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$500,401.12
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$80,794.60
2. Clerk's Office Report provided by Greg L
3. Water & Sewer Billing Dept Report
 - **2023-01 Resolution adopted, approval of up to \$20.00 for Billing clerk to adjust bills as needed** – put forward by Scott O, seconded by Art D - **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O **yes**, Misty F **yes**, Greg L **yes**, Ned H **yes**, Art D **yes**, **Resolution adopted 5-0-0**
4. Maintenance Department Report - Provided by Scott Ochodnicky
5. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department
 - Tom Boost gave detailed report of department activities for the month
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department - No report
 - c) Keweenaw Sheriff - No report
 - d) First Responder - No report

Standing Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (CH DDA) - No report
2. Board of Review –
 - a) March 7th 2023 Tuesday 10:30am Organizational Meeting
 - b) March 13th 2023 Monday 9:00am-3:00pm
 - c) March 15th 2023 Wednesday 3:00pm-9:00pm
3. School Board - No report
4. 5-Year Recreation Plan Steering Committee - No report
5. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle – provided by Jim Valsa via Zoom
 - Late May Scott O will process the agreement for Rock Solid to begin
 - Dumpster Days will be July 15th and 16th.
 - Rummage sale will be July 15th and 16th.
 - b) Copper Harbor - None
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee - No report

Old Business - None

New Business

- 1) Appointment of Alternate Township Representative for TNC Land meetings
 - TNC is not currently interested in bring additional people to the meetings.
- 2) **Motion to run advertisement for bidding for Keweenaw Point Trails Phase III** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Greg L. all in favor. Motion carries 5-0-0
- 3) **Motion to increase hourly wage for Truman Jones to \$22.00/hour** – put forward by Scott O, seconded by Art D – **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O yes, Misty F yes, Greg L yes, Ned H yes, Art D yes – Motion carries 5-0-0
- 4) **Motion to renew Erhart Assessing contract at \$16,500 per year through July 31st, 2025** – Put forward by Scott O, seconded by Ned H - **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O yes, Misty F yes, Greg L no, Ned H yes, Art D yes – Motion carries 4-1-0
- 5) **Motion to approve Water Budget Amendment up \$150 to \$1021** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Greg L – **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O yes, Misty F yes, Greg L yes, Ned H yes, Art D yes – Motion carries 5-0-0
- 6) **Motion to approve Sewer Budget Amendment up \$10,340 to \$84,383** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Misty F – **Roll Call Vote** – Scott O yes, Misty F yes, Greg L yes, Ned H yes, Art D yes – Motion carries 5-0-0

Agenda Request (Guests) Section – None for February

Public Comment Period – starts at 6:40pm

❖ 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 – starts at 6:42pm

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

Total: \$55,186.22 including payroll.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

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