



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 14th, 2023, 6:00 pm

Lac La Belle Fire Hall & Community Center

11819 Superior St, Mohawk, MI 49950

Phone: (906) 289-4777

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

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

Absent - None

Zoom - None

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- 1) **Motion to approve March 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 February 14th, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes** - put forward by Misty F, seconded by, Art D, all in favor. **Motion carries 5-0-0.**
- 3) **Motion to approve February 13th, 2023, Pre-Annual Budget Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, all in favor. **Motion carries 5-0-0.**
- 4) **Motion to approve February 20th, 2023, Second Pre-Annual Budget Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Ned H, seconded by Greg L, all in favor. **Motion carries 5-0-0.**
- 5) **Motion to approve March 6th, 2023, Third Pre-Annual Budget Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Art D, seconded by Misty F, all in favor. **Motion carries 5-0-0.**

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

Annual Budget Meetings

- We held 3 Pre-Annual Budget Meetings

- Truth in Taxation and Annual Budget Meetings are Friday March 24th at 11:00am in CH
- The approved budgets will be posted online with the minutes

Keweenaw Point Trails Phase III Meetings

- KPT Phase III bid opening meeting March 15th at 3pm
- Special Township Board meeting March 20th at 6pm to select winning bidder

Department Reports

- 1) Treasurer's Office Report
 - a. General fund balance is **\$728,989.31.**
 - b. Fire dept. fund balance is **\$557,172.53.**
 - c. Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is **\$80,769.79.**
- 2) Clerk's Office Report - None
- 3) Water & Sewer Billing Dept Report - None
- 4) Maintenance Department Report – provided by Scott Ochodnicky
 - a. Job posting to follow, 1 seasonal full-time and 1 seasonal part-time.
- 5) Public Safety Report
 - a. Copper Harbor Fire Department - Tom Boost provided a detailed written report of the department activities.
 - b. Lac La Belle Fire Department - discussion of the new pumper truck
 - c. First Responders

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (CH DDA) – FY 2023-24 fiscal year budget was approved at February meeting
2. Board of Review – tomorrow March 15th, 2023, Wednesday 3:00pm-9:00pm
3. School Board - Updated the insurance policy to reflect current value of buildings
4. 5-Year Recreation Plan Steering Committee – on April Agenda will be Founding Resolution and public notice seeking committee members
5. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle
 - Dumpster days are July 15/16 as well as rummage sale.
 - Discussion of elementary playground equipment from Anders Hill with approval from Hannula.
 - b) Copper Harbor - None
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee - None

Old Business – brief update with no discussion

- 1) Keweenaw County Public Hearing was today March 14th at 2pm regarding a petition to abandon a public road.
 - Harbor street west of 10th st was abandoned.
- 2) Township Board signed purchase agreement for both brush fire trucks and delivery updates will be forthcoming
- 3) TNC Land Meetings
 - The next steering committee meeting is being scheduled, in the meantime members of the committee are busy doing homework assignments.

New Business

- 1) **Motion to approve a \$572.10 Sewer/penalty forgiveness credit - King Copper Vacations Co. – account #290** – put forward by Misty F, 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.**
- 2) **Motion to approve up to \$400 for Forrest's food and lodging expenses while attending Grinder Pump training** – put forward by Misty F, 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.**
- 3) **Motion to approve the extension of Village of Baraga contract for full fiscal year of 2023-24** - 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.**
- 4) **Motion to approve Upper Peninsula Water Company contract extension for full fiscal year of 2023-24 24** - 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.**
- 5) **Motion to approve Hannula Insurance coverage for fiscal year of 2023-24 24** - put forward by Misty F, seconded by Ned H, - **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 March

Public Comment Period begins at 6:33

- Mark H asked a few questions about TNC land acquisitions and what could possibly be done with said land.
- Lac La Belle residents asked question about the bulletin board being locked.

❖ 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>

Public Comment Period ends at 6:46

Motion to adjourn and approve this month's bills in the amount of \$70,251.03.

- put forward by Greg L, 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.**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47

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