

MINUTES FOR HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2024
Township Community Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ray Chase, Deputy Clerk Carol Jones, Treasurer Mary Long and Trustee Tom Hall.

GUESTS PRESENT: Mike LaMotte, Dane Christensen, Robby Fischer, Elaine Hall, Mel Jones, Dan Steck and Jim Huovinen.

ABSENT: Trustee Steve Kline and Clerk Wanda Kolb

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom, to approve the May 13, 2024 special meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Ray, seconded by Tom, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Ray, seconded by Tom, to approve the payment of bills with the addition of \$173.62 to Carol Jones. This increased the total to \$3464.81. Motion passed unanimously by roll call.

BUDGET AMMENDMENTS –

- Water Fund – Increase Supplies by \$168.57
 - General Fund – Board of Review – Printing and Advertising – Increase by \$38.27
- Motion by Tom, seconded by Ray to approve the budget amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom, to table indefinitely the Right of Way Fitzgerald proposal. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom, to accept the 11 month CD special for renewal of the CD. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Ray, seconded by Mary, to table until the next meeting the setting of a date for the Public Hearing for the Water Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- Playground equipment safety checklist still needs to be done.
- Tom Hall reported that the township did not get the Keweenaw National Historic Park grant for painting the building. Jim Huovinen will continue to organize and coordinate the volunteer project to do some repair and scraping and painting. Target date to begin is June 18 or 19. Carol directed to provide a hold harmless agreement for each volunteer.
- Water system training still needs to be done.
- Deer Park clean up – Stump removal still needs to be done/ there are more trees to take out/ Mel suggested contacting Gary Erickson.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Water Department – water sample reports all good; replacing service lines to the township building is put on hold; new water meter installed at the Deer Park needs only an annual reading.
- No reports for Assessing, Cemetery, Elections, General Maintenance or the Township Square Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Jones, Deputy Clerk