

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, April 18th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Ray Chase called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Mary Long, Clerk Marjie Marshall, Trustee Tom Hall.

ABSENT: Kathy Harri-McEvers

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom, to approve minutes of March 14th, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Tom, seconded by Marjie, to accept Treasures Report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom to approve Payment of Bills. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.
 - General Fund: Check # 5551 to Carol Treganowan for \$78.50, #5552 to Verizon for \$25.70, #5553 to UPPCO for \$164.00, #5554 to Pasty.Net for \$674.00, #5555 to Marjie Marshall for \$507.93, #5556 to Mary Long for \$571.89, #5557 to Ray Chase for \$387.87, #5558 to Sara Huuki for \$187.40, #5559 to Tom Hall for \$78.40, #5560 to UPPCO for \$484.63, #5561 to Ace Hardware for \$12.84, #5562 to IRS for \$1240.76, #5563 to Dave Schumacher for \$152.38. (Total \$4,563.69)
 - Water Fund: Check #1654 to UPPCO for \$51.31, #1655 to White Water for \$40.00, #1656 to IRS for \$117.24, #1657 to Mel Jones for \$512.46, #1658 to Mary Long for \$153.23. (Total \$874.24)
 - Cemetery Fund: No Activity
 - Bridge Fund: No Activity
 - Park Fund: No Activity
 - For a Final Total of \$5,437.93.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Millage: Motion by Marjie, seconded by Tom, to approve the wording of the millage for the August 2nd Ballot as written. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.
- Motion by Ray, seconded by Tom, to accept the resignation of Mark Bonenfant submitted via email on 3/23/22. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Marjie, seconded by Tom, to appoint Sara Huuki as the township Assessor of Record and to revert the Assessor pay to the full amount of \$400.00. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.
- Motion by Marjie, seconded by Mary, to waive the rental fee for the Historical Society to rent the township hall on August 17th for a presentation. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Tom, seconded by Mary, to increase the amount previously approved for a new computer for the Clerk by \$627.99. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Assessing – Sara Huuki: Nothing to report
- Water Department – Nothing to report
- Cemetery – Marjie Marshall: Nothing to report
- Elections – Marjie Marshall: Preventative maintenance is scheduled for 5/5/22.
- General Maintenance – Dave Schumacher: Nothing to report
- Parks – Dan Steck: Dan is starting to plan for lots of projects in the park. The stage needs railing, soccer goals need work, and the gardens need mulch and fencing. He asked the board for input regarding any amenities we might like to see in the park that aren't there now, how much we want to publicize the availability of the properties to be rented, and if we should include a cancellation policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Gary Erickson commented on the deer park and its current state. He advised that it is like a cesspool and the trees are an eyesore. He recounted that he and a friend attempted to cut down some of the trees but were stopped by the Sheriff's Department. The Board clarified that Dave Schumacher has been hired to remove the dead trees.

Meeting adjourned: Motion by Tom, seconded by Marjie, to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting – May 16th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Marjie Marshall, Clerk
Houghton Township

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Marjie Marshall, the appointed Clerk for the Township of Houghton, Keweenaw County, Michigan, DO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 19th day of July, 2021.

Marjie Marshall, Clerk, Houghton Township