

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Houghton Township Community Building**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Mel Jones called the regular meeting to order at 6:00

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Jack Treganowan

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Mel Jones, Treasurer Mary Long, Trustees Kathy McEvers and Jack Treganowan. Also present was Carol Treganowan, Deputy Clerk. Absent Carol Jones, Clerk

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dan Steck, Stephanie Teplasetkul, David Schumacher, Ken and Kathy Johnson, Gary Bays, Karen and Rich Puhek

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

1. Approve minutes of June 15, 2019 regular meeting
2. Accept financial Reports – Treasurer and Clerk
3. Approve payment of bills for all funds – General Fund (ck #4982 - #5000 Total \$7,797.95). Water Department (ck #1449 - #1454 Total \$1,845.29) Cemetery Fund (Ck #1119 - #1121 Total \$159.30) Park Fund (ck #1001 - #1002 Total \$119.70)
4. Adopt Agenda for Tonight's Meeting

Motion by Kathy McEvers and seconded by Jack Treganowan to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed

**ASSESSOR/BOARD OF REVIEW** - Mel pointed out that there will be a meeting of the Board of Review tomorrow (Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 a.m. to deal with any clerical errors. The meeting is open to the public.

**WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Mel reported on a major leak repair at the Les Ferge residence. He also reported that the new water usage device has been installed on the main meter at the pump house and is working fine. Mel will be able to monitor the town's water usage from anywhere.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Opened bids for a new sewer system for Houghton Township Square. Three bid requests were sent out and only two bids were received. Ronald Hyrkas Contracting bid was \$16,380.00 and John Hendrickson Excavating's bid was \$12,850.00

Motion by Jack Treganowan and Seconded by Kathy McEvers to accept John Hendrickson Excavating's bid of \$12,850.00. Motion Passed

2. A new ordinance that would prohibit recreational marihuana was presented and discussed. Our attorney, Roger Kershner reviewed the document and suggested some small changes.

Motion by Kathy McEvers and seconded by Jack Treganowan that we adopt the following with corrections by our attorney, Roger Kershner: **PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS ORDANANCE**. A roll call vote followed: Kathy McEvers, yes; Jack Treganowan, yes; Mary Long, yes; Melvin Jones, yes. Motion Passed

3. A Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance was presented. It was pointed out by our Attorney that this ordinance was necessary to describe how our ordinances will be enforced.

Motion by Kathy McEvers and seconded by Jack Treganowan that we adopt the following: **MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS ORDINANCE**. A roll call vote followed: Kathy McEvers, yes; Jack Treganowan, yes; Mary Long, yes; Melvin Jones, yes. Motion Passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was pointed out that area under the swings, slide, and merry-go-round needs some kind of soft material to make it safer. Mel will find some suitable material and install it at our playground site.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ken and Kathy Johnson presented a letter stating their objection to moving the township dumpster to the Deer Park and practically on Maple Street. The Township Board is looking to alternative solutions and understands that no one wants it near their home. We are hoping to find someone that will provide curbside pickup.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE** – Monday August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.