

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, November 18, 2019

Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mel Jones called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Mel Jones, Clerk Carol Jones, Treasurer Mary Long, and Trustee Kathy McEvers

GUESTS PRESENT: Dan Steck, Stephanie Tepkasetkul, David Schumacher, Rodger Kershner, Jim Vivian and township assessor Mark Bonenfant.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of October 21, 2019 regular meeting
- Accept financial reports – treasurer and clerk
- Approve payment of bills for all funds – General Fund (ch #5045 - 5059: \$3744.70)/
Water department (ch #1472 – 1478: \$1869.73)
 - Adopt agenda for tonight’s meeting

Motion by McEvers, seconded by Long, to approve the consent agenda, with the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET – Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers, to increase the Water Fund line item Licenses and Registration by \$250, from \$425 to \$675. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSESSOR/BOARD OF REVIEW – Mark reported that the next BOR meeting will be on December 10th, at 11a.m.; Tax tribunal is scheduled for Feb. 4th, 2020; the required 20% reassessment has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS –

- ❖ Township Square Park, Dan Steck: Septic system nearly completed; red gravel is on the walking paths; conceptual design taken to 41 Lumber for a cost estimate; Park committee will meet in early December.
- ❖ Placement of dumpster, Mel Jones: MDOT owns the property across the street from the township hall. Appropriate steps need to be taken to request permission to place the dumpster there.
- ❖ Removal of berm and construction of ramp: Hendrickson said he would be able to remove the berm this fall, and look for a place to put the mine rock.
- ❖ Correction of beach lot exchange: Rodger and Mel have not been able to contact Mike LaMotte; Mary suggested contacting Jim LaMotte.
- ❖ Report on parcel 403-51-008-001: Because the lot description was incorrect (and ownership restored to Julio) , Rodger has set up a conference call with Lansing officials.

NEW BUSINESS –

- ❖ Board discussed a program to be held at the new park: date of event will be Friday, August 14, 2020; Park committee will discuss details of the event at their December meeting; probable expense for hosting the event will be \$3000.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Vivian, Keweenaw County Commissioner, gave an update on the ATV trail regulations. Public comment on the issue is being considered. Dan suggested signage to direct where they are allowed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next regular meeting – Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township

-CERTIFICATION-

I, the undersigned, Carol Jones, the duly qualified and elected 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 18th day of November 2019.

Carol Jones, Clerk, Houghton Township