

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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. ABSENT WAS TRUSTEE JACK TREGANOWAN

GUESTS PRESENT: DAN STECK, STEPHANIE TEPLASETKUL, DAVID SCHUMACHER, RODGER KERSHNER, JIM VIVIAN, LEARD WYLIE, GARY BAYS, MARK BONENFANT AND KATHY JOHNSON.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING
- ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER AND CLERK
- APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS – GENERAL FUND (CH #5015 – 5026: \$4102.60)
WATER DEPARTMENT (CH #1462 – 1464: \$420) CEMETERY FUND (CH #1123: \$124.67)
PARK FUND (CH. #1004: \$10,000)
- ADOPT AGENDA FOR TONIGHT’S MEETING

MOTION BY LONG, SECONDED BY McEVERS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ASSESSOR/BOARD OF REVIEW – ASSESSOR MARK BONENFANT REPORTED THAT HE AND TIM ARE PREPARED FOR AN UPCOMING TAX TRIBUNAL. IN OCTOBER, THEY ARE STARTING ON THE 20% REASSESSMENT.

OLD BUSINESS –

PROGRESS OF PHASE 1 OF THE PARK – WORK WILL RESUME LATER THIS MONTH, OR EARLY OCTOBER. CONTRACTOR HENDRICKSON HAS THE PERMIT IN HAND TO BEGIN THE SEPTIC SYSTEM. DAN WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN DISCUSSION OF PHASE 2 AT NEXT MONTH’S MEETING.

DUMPSTER LOCATION – TWO POSSIBILITIES DISCUSSED – AT THE BEACH BY THE DUMPSTER BELONGING TO THE FITZ, AND BESIDE THE COUNTY GARAGE ON PINE STREET. MEL WILL CONTACT THE KEWEENAW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

BERM REPLACEMENT – MOTION BY McEVERS, SECONDED BY CAROL JONES, TO HAVE HENDRICKSON REMOVE THE HANDICAP BERM, AND IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH A WOODEN HANDICAP RAMP. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A PRELIMINARY PLAN WILL BE DRAWN UP BY CIVIL ENGINEER KEITH JONES. MEL WILL CONTACT HENDRICKSON ABOUT BERM REMOVAL.

CORRECTION OF BEACH LOT SWAP – MORE RESEARCH NEEDS TO BE DONE ON OWNERSHIP, AND LOT DESCRIPTIONS TO SATISFY THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE LAND SWAP. RODGER AND MEL WILL CONTACT MIKE LAMOTTE FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

NEW BUSINESS –

- MOTION BY MEL, SECONDED BY KATHY, THAT THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE HISTORIC RAILINGS FROM THE WALKING BRIDGE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DOG PARK IN THE HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP SQUARE PARK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MEL WILL CONTACT THE ROAD COMMISSION TO FURTHER CLARIFY RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES.

PUBLIC COMMENT – JIM VIVIAN OFFERED TO HEAD UP, ALONG WITH GARY BAYS, A FUND RAISER FOR THE TOWNSHIP SQUARE PARK AND PAVILION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 21ST, 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 16TH DAY OF SEPT., 2019.

CAROL JONES, CLERK, HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP