

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, April 11, 2020

Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mel Jones called the regular meeting to order at 2 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Jack Treganowan

GUESTS PRESENT: David Schumacher and Tom and Elaine Hall

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of March 20, 2020 regular meeting
- Accept financial reports – treasurer and clerk
- Approve payment of bills for all funds – General Fund (ch #5129 - 5143: \$6158.71)
Water Fund (ch #1499 – 1506: \$727.77)
- Adopt agenda for tonight’s meeting

Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT – Water pumpage has increased to over 15,000 gallons a day from the usual average of 4,600 gallons a day. The community was asked to help locate the leak by reporting if they notice any extra water coming out of the ground.

OLD BUSINESS –

- ❖ Pavilion update – Following up on a suggestion made at the March regular meeting, the park committee discussed a change of layout for the pavilion. The majority of the members decided to keep the layout as outlined in the engineer’s plans. The plans are now set for bids.
- ❖ A work day to review the proposed Township Square Park Ordinance and the Township Credit Card Use Policy will be set when meeting restrictions are lifted.
- ❖ Placement of Dumpster – Dave and Mel will continue to look for potential sites.
- ❖ **NEW BUSINESS –**
- ❖ The following actions were taken by the board in order to comply with state (Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-42) and federal health mandates:
 1. The public restrooms and playground will be closed until further notice, with signage posted at the locations as well as on the Website.
 2. Motion by McEvers, seconded by Jones, that the board adopt a resolution that all water turn-ons be suspended until April 30, at which time the resolution will be reconsidered. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Fire Protection – Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers, that Houghton Township retain the services of Allouez Township Fire Department, and continue the annual payment of \$5000. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers, that the treasurer be authorized to continue to transfer \$125 per month from the General Fund to the Savings Account. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Next regular meeting – Monday, May 18, 2020 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 11th day of April, 2020.

Carol Jones, Clerk, Houghton Township Clerk