

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
Monday, September 12 2016
Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Vivian called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Trustee Treganowan led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor James Vivian, Clerk Carol Jones, Trustee Mary Long and Trustee Jack Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Shari Chase

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom and Elaine Hall, Mel Jones, Sharon Deal, Sally Olson, Dave Steck, Leard and Sandy Wylie, Ray Chase and Urpo Vuorinen and Tom Kehoe

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of August 15, 2016 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds (General Fund –checks #4407 - 4423 - \$6077.)
(Water Fund -checks #1265 - 1269 - \$412.71) (Cemetery Fund – checks #1090 - \$94.50)
(Bridge Fund)
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT – Motion by Long, seconded by Vivian, to amend the Water Fund Budget, increasing the insurance line item from \$700 to \$765. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by Vivian to increase the Workmen's comp line of the General Fund Budget from \$450 to \$480. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER DEPARTMENT – Mel discussed his 'wish list' with expenditures of about \$3000.

OLD BUSINESS – Green burials will be discussed further at a future meeting; the new edition of the Blueprint for Tomorrow will be considered at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Board and guests discussed problems with abuse of garbage disposal at the township park, beach and township dumpster.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, that Houghton Township approves the Fitzgerald Inn submitting the application for a permit to the DEQ to remedy their shoreline protection. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOR COMMENTS –

Tom Hall will be submitting his resignation as head of maintenance at of the next regular township meeting.

Urpo Vuorinen requested that a property tax receipt be sent without an SASE.

Confirm date for next meeting – October 17, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 12th day of Sept., 2016.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township