

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
January 21, 2013
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 Vivian, Clerk Jones, Treasurer Chase, Trustee Long and Trustee Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom and Elaine Hall, , Mel Jones,

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of December 17, 2012 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds as listed on attached sheet
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting
- Added – special assessment district tax

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, to approve the consent agenda, with the minutes corrected for the building maintenance fund motion. The amount of revenue should read \$9000 rather than \$8650.

OLD BUSINESS

Museum report: The piano restoration project was approved by the KHS, with Mel to write a grant proposal; matching funds to be provided by the KHS.

Agreement document: There is not another meeting of the KHS until April or May. Jim will contact Virginia to see if Paul Tomasi has looked at the document.

Matt's certification – The certification may be okay, as the company has an employee who has the correct certification.

Copper Dog Race – they have asked to not have to rent a porta potty. Motion to require a porta potty rescinded by Jack Treganowan. Seconded by Chase. Passed unanimously.

Board of Review – there is a school being held in Houghton, with cost of \$20 per person on Tuesday, Feb 12, from 6 – 9 p.m. Mel and Jim will let others know, and all will try to attend.

Mel updated the board on the Sullivan situation. The county has written the check and the township will be charged for its portion.

\$693.10 will be taken out of delinquent taxes. This should completely close the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget:

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Treganowan, to transfer \$125 from the General Fund to the savings account monthly to pay auditor; Allouez township fire department will be paid quarterly for fire protection; BSA to be paid \$50 a month to pay off bill of \$720 which will complete payment in 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Street lights: Jim is suggesting a public safety tax assessment, which would include street lights and fire protection. He is looking at 1.5 miles. Jim will continue to look into the procedures necessary to put this into place.

Seating capacity of building – 60 was decided on. This number should be posted at each doorway.

Rental – Brian Mattson would like to rent the township building for a wedding on June 1, 2013.

Water tank replacement: Mel would like to see us look at doing the tank replacement spring of 2014. He will begin the process, and paperwork. Water fund income numbers indicate that we will have enough money by then to do the job. Jim wondered about synthetic tanks versus steel tanks. Mel will ask Doug about all the possibilities.

Budget Amendment - Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, that the following budget amendments be made for the General Fund: Increase the Assessor by \$600, from \$6500 to \$7100

Increase Roads and Streets by \$700, from \$6000 to \$6700. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, Feb 18, 2013

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 21st day of January, 2013.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township