

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, September 21, 2020

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, and Treasurer Mary Long

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Kathy McEvers and Jack Treganowan

GUEST PRESENT: Stephanie Tepkasetkul, Mark Bonenfant, Kathy Johnson, Tom Hall, Gary Bays, Bud Cole, and Jim Huovinen

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of August 17th, 2020 regular meeting, as corrected
- Accept financial reports – treasurer and clerk
- Approve payment of bills for all funds – General Fund (Ch #5214 - 5231: \$5734.34)
Water Fund (Ch #1534 - 1539: \$579.08) Park Fund (Ch #1017: \$124.30)
Cemetery Fund (Ch#1133 : \$69.27) Bridge Fund - No activity
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

Motion by Carol, seconded by Mary, to approve the consent agenda except payment of bills, payment of which will be considered approved after they have been reviewed and signed by trustee Kathy McEvers. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT – Results for annual water samples sent in for gross alpha and partial chemistry showed all was okay.

OLD BUSINESS –

- ❖ Pavilion update –Mel read Dan Steck's report stating that the pavilion, as well as the paths and parking area are expected to be completed this fall.
- ❖ Motion by M. Jones, seconded by Mary, to authorize the expenditure of \$2000 for the dog run, and \$500 for the horseshoe area, out of the Portage Health Fund Grant in the Park Fund. Motion passed unanimously. Mel and Dave are going to construct the dog run. Mel will call 41 Lumber and Dan Steck about tax exempt status, and authorization to purchase.
- ❖ The proposed Township Square Park Ordinance - tabled
- ❖ Mel contacted the insurance agency, and confirmed that Raasio Construction does have risk insurance.
- ❖ The board confirmed its decision made last month that the dumpster will remain where it is now, and added that it would not be placed at Deer Park. In the winter months it is placed across the street.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Motion by Mel, seconded by Carol, that tree removal from a fenced lot be allowed as the Warren family requested, at their expense. Motion passed unanimously. The work will be done by Dave Schumacher.
- Eagle River Condo residents have requested permission to insulate their water main. They were advised to request permission from the Niederer family, who own the land.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- The Blood Drive held on September 16 went well.
- Tom Hall noted the abuse of trash receptacles at both the park and WM dumpster locations. By next spring cameras need to be in place. The Deer Park picnic trash containers may be removed.
- Gary Bays read his letter to the Board objecting placement of the dumpster anywhere in Deer Park.
- Bud Cole commented that the restrictive covenant in the deed to Deer Park should be honored. Most of the land area is a flood plain. He also commented on the good work done on the ATV trails.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Next regular meeting – Monday, October 19th, 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 21st day of September, 2020.

Carol Jones, Clerk, Houghton Township Clerk