

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT 5 P.M., FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
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

MEMBER ABSENT: JACK TREGANOWAN

GUESTS PRESENT: STEPHANIE TEPKASKETKUL JIM VIVIAN, TOM AND ELAINE HALL AND DAVE SCHUMACHER

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE FEB. 10TH ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING AND THE FEB 20TH SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
 - ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER AND CLERK
 - APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS – GENERAL FUND (CH #5108 – 5125, \$5050.53)
WATER DEPARTMENT (CH #1494-1498, \$389.91)
 - ADOPT AGENDA FOR TONIGHT’S MEETING, WITH ADDITION OF ORV ORDINANCE UNDER OLD BUSINESS
 - MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT – JIM VIVIAN –REPORTED THAT THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$19,500 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED; MADE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PLANS FOR THE PAVILION AND QUESTIONED REGARDING A HOT WATER CONDUIT FROM THE MAIN TOWNSHIP BUILDING.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT/BOARD OF REVIEW – THE CONCERNS OF FOUR TAXPAYERS WERE ADDRESSED.

WATER DEPARTMENT – AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MEL WILL TRY TO LOCATE THE WATER LINE LEAK THAT IS CAUSING AN 11,000 GALLON PER DAY INCREASE IN TOTAL TOWNSHIP WATER USAGE.

OLD BUSINESS –

- THE BOARD WILL HAVE A WORK SESSION ON APRIL 7TH AT 5 P.M. TO REVIEW AND REVISE THE NEW PARK ORDINANCE.
- AT THE APRIL 7TH WORK SESSION, THE BOARD WILL ALSO REVIEW THE CREDIT CARD USE POLICY.
- THE BOARD DECIDED AT THIS TIME TO NOT PURSUE ADOPTING AN ORV ORDINANCE RESTRICTING ORV USE IN THE VILLAGE.
- **NEW BUSINESS –**

MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, TO RETAIN SERVICES OF SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY LONG, SECONDED BY MCEVERS TO RETAIN SERVICES OF RODGER KERSHNER AS ATTORNEY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY LONG, SECONDED BY M JONES TO RETAIN SERVICES OF SUE SANFORD AS AUDITOR MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY LONG, SECONDED BY MCEVERS TO RETAIN SERVICES OF TIM GASPERICH AND MARK BONENFANT AS ASSESSORS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BUDGETS WERE APPROVED FOR ALL FUNDS FOR THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG TO ADOPT THE WATER FUND BUDGET AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, TO ADOPT THE CEMETERY FUND BUDGET AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, TO ADOPT THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, TO ADOPT THE BRIDGE FUND BUDGET AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, TO ADOPT THE TOWNSHIP SQUARE PARK FUND BUDGET AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY M. JONES, SECONDED BY MCEVERS, TO PERMIT THE VILLAGE MUSIC CAMP (SHIRLEY HUESTIS) TO USE THE TOWNSHIP HALL THE LAST WEEK OF JULY 2020. MOTION PASSED, WITH MARY LONG ABSTAINING.

MOTION BY M. JONES, SECONDED BY MCEVERS, TO PERMIT THE KEWEENAW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO USE THE TOWNSHIP HALL FOR A HISTORY PRESENTATION WED, AUGUST 19, 2020, 2 – 4 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY MCEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, TO INCREASE THE HOURLY PAY OF ELECTION WORKERS FROM \$10 TO \$12. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY M. JONES, SECONDED BY MCEVERS, TO SET THE MEETING DATES FOR THE 2020/21 FISCAL YEAR SET FOR THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6 P.M., WITH THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AT 5 P.M., MARCH 15, 2021. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

CAROL JONES, CLERK, HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP