

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, December 16, 2019

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, Treasurer Mary Long, and Trustee Kathy McEvers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Jack Treganowan

GUESTS PRESENT: Dan Steck, Stephanie Tepkasetkul, David Schumacher, Tom Hall, Jim Vivian and Mark Bonenfant

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of November 18, 2019 regular meeting
- Accept financial reports – treasurer and clerk
- Approve payment of bills for all funds – General Fund (ch #5060 - 5075: \$5,224.39)/
Water Fund (ch #1479 – 1484: \$1,089.30)
 - Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

BUDGET –motion by Long, seconded by McEvers, to increase Water Fund line item Repairs and Maintenance from \$3500 to \$3700. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSESSOR/BOARD OF REVIEW – No clerical changes needed to be made at the December BOR meeting. All members plan to attend the training on February 11, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS –

- ❖ The Park committee met and drafted new element plans for the park – design and estimated costs. Also considered were park policy issues as work on a formal park ordinance will begin in January.
- ❖ Placement of dumpster – permission to use the location across the street from the hall was denied; other suggestions offered: off Maple Street on lots owned by Jim Huovinen; Eagle Harbor side of Deer Park on land beyond the creek.
- ❖ Handicapped berm – Preliminary plans will be sent to a structural engineer for approval and advice.
- ❖ Correction of beach lot swap – Mel and Rodger met with Jim LaMotte. The property (47 ft of Lot 3) is in Linda Sorsen's name and though ownership did not change, it got attached to the tax bill for lots 5,6 and 7, all of which had been deeded to Eagle Inns – Jim LaMotte. Ann Gasperich will research further.

NEW BUSINESS –

- ❖ Dan will review the sample park ordinance and edit it as needed for the Township Square Park.
- ❖ The details of securing a credit card for Township use will be looked at for the January meeting.
- ❖ Motion by Mel Jones, seconded by Carol Jones to authorize Mary to charge \$5.00 per tax bill for collection of the summer 2020 CLK/CCISD taxes to CLK Public Schools. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Contribution to U.P.S.E.T. and signing an agreement for law enforcement services will be considered for the budget for the new fiscal year. MTA will be contacted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Next regular meeting – Monday, January 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 December, 2019

Carol Jones, Clerk, Houghton Township Clerk