

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014
Houghton Township Community Building**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Vivian called the regular meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Vivian, Clerk Jones, Trustee Long and Trustee Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer, Shari Chase

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom and Elaine Hall, Mel Jones

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of March 17, 2014 regular meeting
- Approve minutes of March 29, 2014 special meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Water department –Report on water tank replacement by Jim Vivian and Mel Jones: Sirtola Well and Pump submitted a cost quote for \$13,682, with 50% to be paid up front and the rest upon completion of the work. In addition to this work, it has been suggested that soft start be added to the motors to protect the pipes, at a cost of about \$4000. Two unknown expenses for the project are engineering costs, and the cost of removing the old tank.
Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, to accept the quote from Sirtola Well and Pump for \$13,682, with 50% to be paid immediately and the rest upon completion of the work. Motion passed unanimously.
Mel will contact Ken at Bill's Electric about the soft start; Jim will contact McMahon about tank removal.
Motion by Long, seconded by Vivian, to authorize expenditure of up to \$4000 for existing tank removal and concrete supports, and up to \$5000 for upgrading to a soft start system. Motion passed unanimously.
Mel reported that he will flush the water system when the snowbanks go down. The new water system should eliminate the black water problem. Tom and Elaine reported that lead testing be repeated for their home – the DEQ thinks the problem may be the faucet.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, to adopt a resolution to allow purchases up to \$1500 before requiring board approval, and requiring bids for work over \$20,000, citing Act #99 P.A.1933. Motion passed unanimously.

CLERK – For the board's information, Carol cited the Eagle River History book, stating the the Evergreen Cemetery was owned by Houghton township.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – The county road commission will be looking for letters of support for the two mil tax assessment they plan to place on the August ballot. Jim explained that one mil of that amount, collected in our township, will be used specifically for our township.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, that the Houghton Township Board support the County Road Commission's effort to pass a two mil tax assessment. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET REVIEW – Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, to increase line item 215700 in the General Fund by \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOR COMMENTS

- Mel informed the board that the Douglas Houghton Monument is owned by the Keweenaw County Historical Society. The stones in the monument are from all over the Copper Country. The time capsule in the monument will be opened in August.
- Tom suggested locking the dumpster to avoid abuse; also, consider relocating the dumpster.

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, May 19, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 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 of April, 2014

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township