

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2015**  
**Houghton Township Community Building**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Vivian called the special meeting to order at 1 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, Jan Cole, Dan Steck, Gary Erickson, Mark and Kathy McEvers, Carol Treganowan, Ray Chase, Ann Gasperich, Ned Huwatschek and Mike LaMotte

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:** Board discussion with Ann Gasperich, County Equalization Office, regarding possible changes to the Blueprint for Tomorrow document.

- ✚ Ann distributed meeting notes and zoning maps
- ✚ She opened the meeting with an explanation of current enforcement procedures
- ✚ Changes suggested at the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were reviewed
- ✚ Possible additions to 'Future Projects' – acquisition of 10 Foot Falls, (Tom suggested a barricade); set up a building maintenance fund
- ✚ Answers to questions answered from audience: there is NO flexibility to the current land use plan; there can be no "sub' areas; land use and zoning maps are identical; mining and extraction are allowable anywhere, but must go through the proper channels
- ✚ Three groups looked at zoning maps and suggested future zoning changes:
  - #1 – trail system concerns with private land purchases; abolish 2 cycle vehicles?; grants; tax base; development of Phoenix farms; increase of current taxes; charge daily use fee for beach and parking
  - #2 – population increase; beach property for sale on 5 mile point road and another near sunset bay; size of personal garden and sale of produce; plans for commercial forest property; conservancy tax issues
  - #3 – Put RS along highway at Central and on cemetery side of road from Cemetery to Phoenix; acquire 10 foot falls and sheriff's falls; develop a park across from the Phoenix store; North side of 41 from Phoenix to Central zoned country estates; more picnic tables

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next meeting: December 7, 2015

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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 special board meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015.

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Carol Jones, Clerk  
Houghton Township