

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, July 18th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Ray Chase called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Mary Long, Clerk Marjie Marshall, Trustee Tom Hall, Trustee Kathy Harri-McEvers

ABSENT: None

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL: Motion by Mary, Seconded by Kathy to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- Motion by Kathy, seconded by Mary, to approve minutes of June 20th, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Tom, seconded by Kathy, to accept Treasures Report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Tom, seconded by Mary, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.
 - General Fund: Check #5599 to Hannula for \$2622.00, #5600 to Northland Lawn for \$91.96, #5601 to Verizon for \$25.38, #5602 to UPPCO for \$164.00, #5603 to UPPCO for \$485.32, #5604 to Harter Supply for \$272.34, #5605 to Ace Hardware for \$46.63, #5606 to UP Engineers for \$2300.00, #5607 to Fastenal for \$353.55, #5608 VOID, #5609 to Accident fund for \$654.00, #5610 to Marjie Marshall for \$507.92, #5611 to Mary Long for \$551.47, #5612 to Tom Hall for \$78.50, #5613 to Kathy Harri-McEvers for \$78.50, #5614 to Dave Schumacher for \$436.36, #5615 to Sara Huuki for \$369.40, #5616 to Ray Chase for \$387.87, #5617 to Carol Jones for \$13.85. (Total \$9,439.05)
 - Water Fund: Check #1669 to UPPCO for \$86.86, #1670 to Hannula for \$882.00, #1671 to Accident Fund for \$104.00, #1672 to Mel Jones for \$441.70, #1673 to Mary Long for \$117.74 (Total \$1,632.30)
 - Cemetery Fund: Check #1155 to Hannula for \$105.00, #1156 to Dave Schumacher for \$228.56. (Total \$333.56)
 - Bridge Fund: #1101 to Hannula for \$105.00. (Total \$105.00)
 - Park Fund: No Activity
 - For a Final Total of \$11,509.91

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Linda/Grant Opportunities Update: Linda and Mel gave an update on procuring grant funding for updating the township water system. There are currently three sources of grant funding available; ARPA, Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Grants, and Rural Development. Intent to Apply is due November 1st, 2022. They've received advice from Mike Westra regarding data needed for any grant applications. Grants are for the projects themselves, not the planning. Mel has been in contact with Edward Cole regarding property acquisition and will continue to communicate with him as further information is gathered. The distribution system of our water is very old and should be replaced. Linda and Mel continue to research this issue and will keep the Board updated.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **Assessing – Sara Huuki:** No report
- **Water Department – Mel Jones:** No report
- **Cemetery/Committee – Marjie Marshall/Steve Kline:** UP Engineering has been paid the retainer and estimate starting end of August or September.
- **Elections – Marjie Marshall:** Carol and Marjie will conduct the test ballots this week. The public test will be next week on Thursday July 28th and will be published in the Mining Gazette.
- **General Maintenance – Dave Schumacher:** Nothing to report.

- **Parks – Dan Steck:** No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Clerk’s position-I put the job notice on the web site, no hits. Will work on getting a mailing to the registered voters done.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 6:41p.m.

Next regular meeting – August 15th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Marjie Marshall, Clerk
Houghton Township

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Marjie Marshall, the appointed 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 19th day of July, 2021.

Marjie Marshall, Clerk, Houghton Township