

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
OCTOBER 19, 2015
Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Vivian called the regular meeting to order at 7 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, Mel Jones, Jan Cole, Dan Steck and Bob Niederer and Paul Mihelcich

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of September 22, 2015 regular meeting
Motion by Vivian, seconded by Treganowan, to change (“there is nothing in writing to prevent camping on the beach”) to read: “as of now, no document has been found that prohibits overnight camping on the beach.” Motion passed unanimously.
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds
- Adopt agenda for tonight’s meeting

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, to approve the consent agenda, with correction to the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER DEPARTMENT –

- Shari will pay back the savings account
- There is still a leak problem. Daily use has been around 10,000, when it should be about 2000. Bill Siler plans to come to help Mel find the leaks. The leaks may be around some buffalo boxes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Beach signage – It is still in question whether there is a written policy about beach camping.
- FOIA policy – copies were handed out and will be reviewed for consideration at next month’s meeting.
- Tioga – nothing will be done until spring.
- Entryway windows – have been purchased, and will be installed soon.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Road Millage – Jim Vivian - new millage share for Houghton Township is \$54,600. Suggestions shared for use of the money (cannot be ongoing maintenance) were: seal coat and re-oiled streets; road improvements at Central; erosion problems in several areas. This is a 5 year program; Eagle Harbor Township agreed to share their portion with {Houghton Township.}corrected to read “other townships”.

TREASURER’S REPORT - All but about \$4000 tax payments have been received; bill has been sent to the school for summer tax collection.

CLERK – Beach wedding request for July 30th was dropped; F65 report has been sent; Ann Gasperich requested a meeting the first week of November to explain the Blueprint for tomorrow process; FOIA request policy distributed; will post water ordinance on the bulletin board.

BUDGET AMMENDMENTS – Water department: Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, to increase the insurance line from \$250 to \$450. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, to increase the travel line from \$260 to \$270. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOR COMMENTS –

- Bob Niederer – plans to request a new water line connection, but concerned about water supply levels. Mel assured him that the water supply problems have been addressed, and there would be adequate water supply for another connection.
- Elaine - the money box needs to be emptied.
- Two aspen need to be taken down at the cemetery for an estimated cost of {\$200};corrected to read “\$100”
- Tom asked for permission to purchase a new vacuum.

Special Meeting to consider the Blueprint for tomorrow – November 9, 2015, at 1 pm.

Confirm date for next meeting – November 9, 2015, 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 19th of October, 2015.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township