

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
October 20, 2014
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: Mel Jones, Kathy McEvers, Dan Steck, and Stan Hill

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of September 22, 2014 regular 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.

Discussion re: posting notices on the post office boxes: Kathy McEvers had spoken to Dan Zubiena about posting notices and he indicated that public meeting notices and events would be okay. The board decided to continue to allow posting on the boxes.

WATER DEPARTMENT—Mel had to repair his personal water line from the buffalo box to the house; was at his own expense.

Jim brought up the timing of the third phase of water pump house renovation – updating the pumps. Mel has not noticed any water hammer (the major concern for putting in new pumps). The board decided to wait until spring, unless it seems it would be better to do it earlier. Mel will watch the amount of radiant heat generated by the pumps, to make sure the water does not freeze. Jim will talk to Sirtola about doing the work sometime during the winter. Progress is being made on the new billing system, but the time of complete implementation is uncertain.

MUSEUM—

Douglas Houghton Historical Marker – The geological society would like to place the marker close to our museum. Mel has been in conversation with Al Johnson and Virginia Jameison. It is Mel's understanding that the marker would be like those at the bridge, with raised metal lettering. Mel will fill out an application. Discussion followed as to placement, size and wording - physical characteristics of the sign.. Jim would like to get more information about those items.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, that Houghton Township will participate in placement of sign upon receipt of more information about placement, size, and wording. Motion passed unanimously.

Piano restoration - Master Piano Restoration will be picking up the museum's piano on Saturday, Nov. 1st, and it should be done by May. Mel will be looking at the shipping manifests in Sault Ste Marie to see if he can find the piano listed.

Tioga - \$5000 has been budgeted by Keweenaw Historical Society for work on the Tioga.

NEW BUSINESS—

TREASURER'S REPORT - Shari has looked at computers for Mary to do the water department work, and found two at Best Buy.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, to purchase the computer priced at \$470. Motion passed unanimously.

Shari also reported that over \$1900 will be reimbursed from the school for the summer tax collection.

CLERK REPORT— Carol brought up two organizations that are requesting support and cooperation:

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Jones to rent the township hall for the Copper Dog Event in 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

Request to support WUPPDR's application for funding under the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative for FY 2015.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase to support WUPPDR's application for funding. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT -Jim suggested donating old school books to the Keweenaw County Historical Society, to be displayed at the Gay School. The board agreed that would be a good use of the books.

BUDGET—Motion by Long, seconded by Vivian to increase the wages line of the Cemetery Fund by \$30, from \$550 to \$580. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOR COMMENTS—Kathy McEvers expressed concern about the steps beside the lower bridge. Jim said he was to have placed a sign that states no trespassing, and he will take care of it.

Confirm date for next meeting –November 17, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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 20TH of October, 2014

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township