

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
Monday, May 16th, 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:

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom, to approve minutes of April 18th, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Marjie, seconded by Tom, to accept Treasures Report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Mary, seconded by Tom to approve Payment of Bills. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.
 - General Fund: Check #5564 to Verizon for \$25.58, #5565 to up & Running for \$1627.99, #5566 to UPPCO for \$164.00, #5567 to Postmaster for \$58.00, #5568 to Keweenaw Petroleum Services for \$122.40, #5569 to Postmaster for 127.60, #5570 to UPPCO for \$484.68, #5571 to MTA for \$82.00, #5572 to Dave Schumacher for \$194.64, #5573 to Marjie Marshall for \$507.92, #5574 to Mary Long for \$550.36, #5575 to Ray Chase for \$387.87, #5576 to Sara Huuki for \$369.40, #5577 to Kathy Harri-McEvers for \$78.50, #5578 to Tom Hall for \$78.50, #5579 to Mary Long for \$370.99.(Total \$5,230.43)
 - Water Fund: Check #1659 to Whitewater for \$40.00, #1660 to UPPCO for \$46.96, #1661 to Whitewater for \$40.00, #1662 to Mel Jones for \$727.43, #1663 to Mary Long for \$48.48 (Total \$902.87)
 - Cemetery Fund: Check #1152 to Dave Schumacher for \$62.34 (Total \$62.34)
 - Bridge Fund: No Activity
 - Park Fund: No Activity
 - For a Final Total of \$6,195.64.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Marjie, seconded by Ray to approve the purchase of a new battery for the weed wacker. Motion passed unanimously.
- Steve Kline presented information and discussion was had regarding a memorial/informational sign and other issues that should be addressed in the cemetery. Motion by Marjie, seconded by Ray, to form a Cemetery Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Ray, seconded by Marjie, to appoint Steve Kline, Dave Schumacher, Tom Hall, Jim Huovinen, and Marissa Sullivan to the committee. Motion passed unanimously.
- The CD matures on 5/22/22. Motion by Mary, seconded by Kathy, to let it roll over. Motion passed unanimously.
- Susan Sanford Audit Agreement: Tabled until next meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Assessing – Sara Huuki: Nothing to report
- Water Department – Mel met his continuing education requirements for certification by attending two conferences. The State of Michigan is having trouble getting parts for water systems but we have most of what we need so we shouldn't have a problem. The state now requires lead testing every three years, which includes digging up 20% of the lines to prove there are no lead goose necks by the year 2025. Mel was told we may qualify for a waiver for that and will let us know. An inspector is coming up to do a sanitary survey of our system, Mel will keep us updated on that. Mel asked that the Board consider his grandson Harrison

as a possible future replacement for Mel. The Board advised that we prefer the Dave become fully trained before we consider adding employees to the Water Department.

- Cemetery – Marjie Marshall: Nothing to report
- Elections – Marjie Marshall: Preventative maintenance is scheduled for 5/5/22.
- General Maintenance – Dave Schumacher: The road in the cemetery needs work. Dave will get a quote for grading and gravel.
- Parks – Dan Steck: Dan is continuing on with existing projects and is on schedule for Memorial Day opening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Marissa asked about getting a community AED to be placed in a common area. Discussion was had on the topic, including that the Sheriff's Department has that equipment.

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Next regular meeting – June 20th, 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