

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, July 19th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Clerk Marjie Marshall 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, Trustees Kathy Harri-McEvers and Carol Treganowan.

ABSENT: Supervisor Jim Vivian.

GUEST PRESENT: David Schumacher, Mark Bonenfant, Rodger Kershner, Dan Steck, Mel Jones, Sharon Deal, Sarah Kelly, Mary Lark, Kathy and Ken Johnson..

APPOINT MEETING MODERATOR: Motion by Mary, seconded by Kathy for Marjie to moderate the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- Motion by Carol, seconded by Kathy to approve minutes of June 21st, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Kathy, seconded by Carol to accept Treasures Report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Mary, seconded by Carol to approve Payment of Bills. Motion passed unanimously.
 - General Fund: #5399 to Verizon for \$26.32, #5400 to Accident Fund for \$758.00, #5401 to UPPCO for \$481.69, #5402 to UPPCO for \$166.00, #5403 to Waste Management for \$144.31, #5404 to Carol Jones for \$140.80, #5405 to Mel Jones for \$75.01, #5406 to Carol Treganowan for \$78.50, #5407 to Dave Schumacher for \$138.52, #5408 to Jim Vivian for \$129.29, #5409 to Kathy Harri-McEvers for \$78.50, #5410 to Mark Bonenfant for \$184.70, #5411 to Sara Huuki for \$184.70, #5412 to Marjie Marshall for \$766.50, #5413 to Mary Long for \$633.11, #5414 to Postmaster for \$55.00 (Total \$4040.95)
 - Water Fund: #1597 to UPPCO for \$113.78, #1598 to Pasty.Net for \$59.00, #1599 to Bill Siler for \$1320.00, #1600 to White Water for \$1358.00, # 1601 to Mary Long for \$148.92, #1602 to Mel Jones for \$240.11 (Total \$3,239.81)
 - Cemetery Fund: Check #1141 to Dave Schumacher for \$166.23 (Total \$166.23)
 - Bridge Fund: No activity
 - Park Fund: #1025 to 41 Lumber for \$172.57, #1026 to Ace Hardware for \$37.97, #1027 to Coon Electric for \$1500.00, #1028 to Hyrkas Plumbing for \$8402.00. (Total \$10,112.54)
 - For a Final Total of \$17,559.53

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- Motion by Mary, seconded by Kathy to increase the Water fund by \$500.00 for water samples. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trailer needed for maintenance: Motion by Kathy, seconded by Mary to pre-approve \$1,000.00 from the Cemetery Fund for purchase of a trailer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Portage Health Foundation Grant: It's the end of the grant so we need to complete the paperwork for it. Dan will fill out what he can and Marjie will complete the rest.
- CARES Act Funding: Motion by Kathy, seconded by Carol for the township to apply for the funding and to allow the State of Michigan access to our banking information for EFT of the funds. Motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Assessing – Mark Bonenfant: Board of Review is tomorrow, 7/20/21, at 11:00
- Water Department – The leak at Gary Bays' residence has been repaired.
- Cemetery – Marjie Marshall: The request for a memorial for people buried without markers was tabled for further research.
- Elections – Marjie Marshall: Nothing to report.
- General Maintenance – Nothing to report.
- Parks – The pavilion has been inspected and approved. The information board has been installed, as well as internet/Wi-Fi, cameras, and restroom locks. A soft opening for the west bathroom will be conducted during upcoming Museum hours. Dan requested that the park policy and a reservation calendar be posted on the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Conflict of Interest Policy- Tabled, still in progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mel Jones advised that Gitche Gumi Camp donated the net and posts for the tennis court.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next regular meeting – August 16th, 2021 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