

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Monday, October 21, 2019

Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Mel Jones called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m.

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Mel Jones, Clerk Carol Jones, Treasurer Mary Long, and Trustee Kathy McEvers

GUESTS PRESENT: Dan Steck, Stephanie teplasetkul, David Schumacher, Tom and Elaine Hall, Rodger and Mary Kershner, and Jamie Robertson.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of September 16, 2019 regular meeting
- Accept financial reports – treasurer and clerk
- Approve payment of bills for all funds – General Fund (ch #5027 - 5044: \$4,865.27)/
water department (ch #1465 – 1471: \$1626.38) Cemetery Fund (CH#1124 – 1125: \$153.04)
 - Adopt agenda for tonight’s meeting

Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET – Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers to increase the Water Fund line item Insurance from \$375 to \$380. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers to increase Water Fund line item repairs and Maintenance from \$3000 to \$3500. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

- ❖ Walking paths – red gravel has been ordered
- ❖ New Septic system – need to order a timing controller device to put on the tank
- ❖ Placement of dumpster – considering a location across the street from the hall, set back a ways from the winter location.
- ❖ Handicapped berm – Hendrickson has not yet begun to work on this project.
- ❖ Correction of beach lot swap – Mel and Rodger plan to meet with Mike LaMotte. Rodger’s opinion is that we could use the right of way as it has not been dedicated for public use.

NEW BUSINESS –

- ❖ Motion by M. Jones, seconded by Long, that the township board is opposed to ordinance #19, proposed by Keweenaw county, allowing ATV’s on all county roads. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Dan Steck outlined the Phase 2 plans for the Township Square park to be done next summer. Motion by M. Jones, seconded by McEvers, to accept the conceptual plan as presented for Phase 2 of the township square park. Motion passed unanimously (plans included in the minutes book, and online at houghtontownshiparks.com)
The Board will discuss in November the idea of an event at the park in August 2020.
- ❖ Motion by McEvers, seconded by Long, to lower the spending threshold without board approval, from \$500. To \$200. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ M. Jones reported that UPPCO’s new meter reading system will start soon. If a customer wants to opt out, there would be an extra fee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting – Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6 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 21st day of October 2019.

Carol Jones, Clerk, Houghton Township