



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024, 6:00pm

Lac La Belle Fire Hall & Community Center

11819 Superior St, Mohawk, MI 49950

Phone: (906) 289-4777

Call To Order - Supervisor Scott Ochodnický led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Roll Call

Present - Supervisor Scott Ochodnický, Treasurer Misty Filsinger, Trustee Ned Huwatschek, Trustee Art Davis

Absent - None

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

1. **Motion** to approve March 12th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
2. **Motion** to approve February 13th, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
3. **Motion** to approve February 23rd, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes put forward by Ned, seconded by Art, all in favor, **Motion carries 4-0**
4. **Motion** to approve March 4th, 2024 Pre-Annual Budget Review Meeting #2 Minutes put forward by Misty, seconded by Art, all in favor **Motion carries 4-0**

Clerk's Office Update

- Stacia Lynn reads her letter of resignation
- **Motion** to accept Stacia Lynn's resignation from the Township Clerk position put forward by Art, seconded by Ned, all in favor **Motion carries 4-0**

Supervisor Hours ~ All winter season 2023-2024, every Saturday from 2pm-4pm in Copper Harbor, with the first Saturday following our Regular Board Meeting in Lac La Belle.

Solid Waste Recycling/Garbage Attendant Information –

- In Copper Harbor: Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00pm-4:00pm
- In Lac La Belle: First Friday Every Month from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Meetings Updates:

- A Special Board Meeting was held on February 23rd
- A Pre-Annual Budget Meeting #2 was held on March 4th
- Annual Budget Meeting set for Monday March 25th, 2024 at 6:00pm, with the previously discussed tentative date/time being cancelled

Department Reports

1. Township Fund Balances Report – Misty Filsinger provides brief update
 - a) General fund balance is \$875,286.54
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$474,165.67
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA fund balance is \$77,068.27
2. Maintenance Department Report – Truman Jones provides update
 - Waste Management has not yet secured the needed permits to haul waste during road restrictions; thank you to Mt. Bohemia for assisting with trash removal; the Ford truck has been returned from service garage
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – no update
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – no update

Board/Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) - Regular meeting held on February 20th
2. Board of Review
 - March 5th 2024 Tuesday 10:30am Organizational Meeting
 - March 11th 2024 Monday 9:00am-3:00pm
 - March 13th 2024 Wednesday 3:00pm-9:00pm
 - March 14th 2024 Thursday 10:30am Work Session (if necessary)
3. School Board – no update
4. Recreation Plan Committee – First meeting was held Tuesday February 20th; next meeting is June 11th 4:00pm in LLB before regular board meeting; minutes to be posted
5. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle – Jim Valsa provides a brief update
 - b) Copper Harbor – no update
6. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – no update
7. Proposed Formation of Housing Committee; tabled

Old Business – None

New Business

- 1) Annual insurance policy with Hannula Agency Inc. – tabled until the Annual Budget Meeting
- 2) **Motion** to approve up to \$1600 for MTA's Annual 2024 Educational Training Conference for Misty Filsinger, April 22nd through April 25th put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote**, Scott O aye, Misty F abstain, Art D aye, Ned H aye, **Motion carries 3-0-1**
- 3) **Motion** to approve a 50% local match of \$5000 for the grant #2023-031 from Copper Shores Community Health Foundation for LLBVFD for trailer equipment put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote**, Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
- 4) **Motion** to approve a \$56.88 sewer credit for Account 309 Blueberry Island LLC put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty, all in favor **Motion carries 4-0**
- 5) **Motion** to approve a \$31.55 sewer credit for Account 234 Hannah Rooks put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, all in favor **Motion carries 4-0**
- 6) **Motion** to approve a Truman Jones hourly wage increase from \$22.25/hour up to \$25.00/hour, effective 3-15-2024, put forward by Ned, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote**, Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
- 7) **Motion** to approve a Forrest Fill hourly wage increase from \$20.50/hour up to \$22.25/hour, effective 3-15-2024, put forward by Scott, seconded by Ned, **Roll Call Vote**, Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
- 8) **Motion** to approve a Jeff Ihde hourly wage increase for any electrical professional services work performed from \$30.50/hour up to \$45.00/hour, effective 3-15-2024, put forward by Scott, seconded by Misty, **Roll Call Vote**, Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, **Motion carries 4-0**
- 9) **Motion** to appoint Sam Raymond as representative for Grant Township on the TNC Keweenaw Heartlands Project Advisory Committee put forward by Scott, seconded by Art, **Roll Call Vote**, Scott O aye, Misty F aye, Art D aye, Ned H aye, **Motion carries 4-0**

Agenda Request (Guests) Section – None

Public Comment Period - Begins at 6:28pm, ends at 6:37pm

❖ Policy/Rules for Public Comment

- Any Resident/taxpayer wishing to address the Board, must be first recognized by the Chair, then identify themselves by name
- Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to comment.

- Comments are to be directed solely to the board, not to audience
- No official Board action will take place on items presented in the public comment period. The Board will respond during a future public meeting as an agenda item
- Grant Township Board contact info:
<https://granttownshipmi.org/contact.php>

Financial Wrap-up Bill Pay – No bill pay for March 12th meeting per MTA advice

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm

APPROVED