



Grant Township Board

Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2025 6:00pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order 6:03pm.

Roll Call

Present – Meg, Greg, Art, Staci

Absent – Cheryl

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve, January 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Agenda by Staci, 2nd by Art.
All in favor – **Motion Carries**
- **Motion** to approve December 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes – see Old Business #2.

Supervisor's Remarks

- **Starlink (Business Edition)** with High Performance WIFI Router and High Performance 2m Starlink Router Cable for \$2,500. Please contact Clerk, Cheryl Ochodnicki if you are interested.
- **Hunters Point Trail Head on Harbor Coast Lane** is plowed and accessible for the second year. Due to safety concerns, the Marina Access trail is closed until the trail is deemed safe.
- **Zoning Update:**
 - Workshop with Pat Coleman held on December 13, 2024 was very informative
 - Keweenaw County Commissioners motioned to hire a full-time ZA in December Meeting, slated to offer the position at January meeting.
- Correspondence from **County Road Commission RE: ROW Permits.**
- BS&A Payments update
 - Taxpayers can now pay their current tax bill by credit/debit card online or in-person.
- New Officials Training (Jan 6) was very informative. Those that could not attend are completing the training online.
 - Deputies are only authorized by statute to perform the statutory duties of the office.

Department Reports

1. Treasurer's Report
 - a) General fund balance is \$ **552,734.27**
 - b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$ **261,465.89**
 - c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$ **86,696.84**
 - d) Water fund balance is \$ **249,783.27**
 - e) Sewer fund balance is \$ **225,379.02**
2. Maintenance Department Report – Truman Jones
 - a) One grinder call-out. Problem can that will be replaced this summer.
 - b) Glass will no longer be recycled.
 - c) There is a let-run at the fire department due to current low water flow.
 - d) CH bike racks are currently out in front of the park to block snowmobile traffic.
 - e) The small dumpster at LLB needs to be swapped out.
3. Public Safety Report
 - a) Copper Harbor Fire Department – see below.
 - b) Lac La Belle Fire Department – see below.
4. Cemetery Report – nothing to report.

Committee Reports

1. Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – Met last month and went through parking proposals. Need to go back to the drawing board. The DDA is a Copper Dog Team level sponsor. They will have banners and t-shirts. They are working on creating a logo specific to the DDA. There currently is a temporary logo. There are three township board members serving on the DDA. This will be reduced to two.
2. Recreation Plan Committee – no meeting.
3. Parks Committees
 - a) Lac La Belle – no meeting.
 - b) Copper Harbor – no meeting.
4. Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee – no report.
5. Wellhead Protection Plan Committee – no longer meeting. The plan is being compiled and finalized.
6. Housing Committee – no meeting.

7. Materials Maintenance Committee – no meeting.

Old Business

1. Karen Karl Consultant work – Karen's help has been indispensable.
2. **Motion** to approve December 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes by Greg, 2nd by Art. All in favor – **Motion Carries**

New Business

- 1) Request from wastewater / maintenance employees for voluntary recognition of bargaining unit
 - a) General Teamsters Local Union No. 406
 - b) **Resolution 2025-01 – Motion to approve by Art, 2nd by Greg; Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y; Nays – zero; Absent – Cheryl. Motion Carries.**
- 2) Authorize the Deputy Supervisor to perform the Supervisor's statutory duty of the serving on the Downtown Development Board
 - a) **Resolution 2025-02 – Motion to approve by Staci, 2nd by Greg; Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y; Nays – zero; Absent – Cheryl. Motion Carries.**
- 3) LLB VFD DNR Grant
 - a) 2025 Volunteer Fire Capacity Project Agreement – **Motion** to approve Meg, 2nd Art; Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y. **Motion Carries.**
- 4) Miss Dig 811
 - a) Vote to renew our membership and pay yearly fee \$1,068.69 – **Motion** to approve by Meg, 2nd by Staci; Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y. **Motion Carries.**
- 5) Auditor Agreement
 - a) AHP (Andrews, Hooper and Pavlik PLC) for FY2024; conducted remotely for \$18,000.
 - b) **Resolution 2025-03 – Motion to approve by Art, 2nd by Staci; Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y; Nays – zero; Absent – Cheryl. Motion Carries.**
- 6) Keweenaw County Planning Commission Master Plan
 - a) Assign a township board member or their deputy to attend meetings and/or work sessions for the Keweenaw County Planning Commission Master Plan endeavor and be compensated at a rate of \$50./meeting plus mileage – **Motion to approve** by Meg, 2nd by Art; Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y. **Motion Carries.**
- 7) Keweenaw County Road Commission (KCRC) Meetings
 - a) Assign a delegate, namely Meg or Greg, to attend regular monthly meetings of the KCRC, held on the second Monday of every month at 2:00pm. and be compensated at

\$50./meeting plus mileage – **Motion to approve** by Meg, 2nd by Staci; Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y. **Motion Carries.**

8) Motion to pursue a Capital Improvements Plan – no action taken.

Agenda Request (Guests) Section - none

Public Comment Period

❖ 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>

- There were four community members who spoke for public comment.

Financial Wrap-up

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$46,110.13, broken down as follows:

Water..... \$ 2,309.15

Sewer..... \$ 2,585.03

Fire..... \$ 880.16

General..... \$15,518.10

Payroll..... \$24,817.69

And adjourn, made by Greg, 2nd by Art; roll call vote: Art – Y, Staci – Y, Greg – Y, Meg – Y.
Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28

CHFD

1-14-25

Our regular monthly meeting for the CHFD is normally on the first wed. of the month, due to New Years Day being the same, I cancelled the meeting.

At our mid-month meeting for Dec. the tracks for the side by side had already be swapped out and ready for first medical snow season run.

Extrication equipment was exercised and run, SCBA units were tested and needed a few battery changes. Additional items placed into

truck #6 were discussed.

Medical had a few pageouts with assistance from dept. members but nothing major.

THAT'S ALL

Tom

Looking forward to 2025 for another great year.



Lac La Belle Volunteer Fire Department

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(906)-369-2658

1ST ASST. CHIEF: STEVEN ERBISCH
(906)-370-4450



MONTHLY REPORT December 2024

FIRE CALLS: 0

SERVICE CALLS: 0

EMS RUNS (FD ASSIST): 0

MONTHLY MEETING: Dec 12, 2024 6:34 PM – 6 present rest excused or out of town.

- Copper shores grant complete
- Waiting on tailgate piece from Universal metals for Rescue truck
- CPR cards came in for all
- Phones switching to township system
- Certificates for FF1 for guys came in.

MONTHLY TRAINING: Dec 12, 2024 6: 45 PM 7 present

- Run trucks – pump and foam on tr 1
- Check equipment on trucks

OTHER: N/A

FIRST RESPONDER CALLS: 0

SUBMITTED: Richard Olson

Chief Lac La Belle VFD

DATE: 1/1/25