



Grant Township Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Agenda

March 11, 2025 6:00pm

Grant Township Meeting Hall

220 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Call To Order 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present – Meg, Cheryl, Greg, Art

Absent – Staci

Agenda & Minutes Approvals

- **Motion** to approve, March 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting **Agenda** by Art, 2nd Cheryl; all in favor. **Motion Carries.**
- **Motion** to approve February 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting **Minutes** by Greg, 2nd Art; all in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Supervisor's Remarks

- **Starlink (Business Edition)** with High Performance WIFI Router and High Performance 2m Starlink Router Cable for \$2,000. Please contact Clerk, Cheryl Ochodnicky if you are interested.
 - Item listed for further action under Old Business
- **Board of Review Meeting** Times and Dates
 - **Board of Review Appeals March 10, 2025 , 9am-3pm**
 - **Board of Review Appeals March 12, 2025, 3pm-9pm**
 - Optional Work Session March 13, 2025, 10:30
- **March Budget Meetings**
 - Budget Workshop at the Grant Township Hall Monday is on March 17, 2025 10 am
 - Truth in Taxation at the Grant Township Hall is on Monday, March 24, 2025 10 am
 - Budget Hearing at the Grant Township Hall is on Monday March 24, 2025 directly after Truth in Taxation

Department Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

- a) General fund balance is \$612,038.44
- b) Fire dept. fund balance is \$296,932.10

- c) Copper Harbor DDA (Downtown Development Authority) fund balance is \$200,213.04
- d) Water fund balance is \$306,533.79
- e) Sewer fund balance is \$218,284.57
- f) The tax roll has been turned in. Work will begin on the CFR.

2. Maintenance Department Report – see below

3. Public Safety Report

- a) Copper Harbor Fire Department - see below
- b) Lac La Belle Fire Department - see below

4. Cemetery Report - There will be two burials this spring/summer.

Committee Reports

- 1) Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** – The DDA met last month. Discussed history of DDA; tax increment financing; projects. Next meeting will be a budget work session.
- 2) Recreation Plan Committee** - none
- 3) Parks Committees**
 - a) Lac La Belle - none
 - b) Copper Harbor - none
- 4) Pedestrian & Bicycle Access Committee** - none
- 5) Wellhead Protection Plan Committee** - none
- 6) Housing Committee** - none
- 7) Materials Maintenance Committee** - none

County Meetings Reports

- (1) Keweenaw County Road Commission, March 10, 2025 Reg Board Meeting – Attended by Greg. Approved several resolutions. Discussed Visit Keweenaw grant with a 50/50 match for upgrading picnic tables; both ADA and regular; will use long lasting composite. OSHA grant approved for putting heated LED lights on plow trucks. Road paving was approved. Positions open.
- (2) Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners March 10, 2025

Special Meeting to appoint Planning Commission – Meg was unable to attend meeting. Appointment of current members was reapproved. There will be a Hearing 4/1/25 at 6:30pm.

Old Business

1) StarLink

- a. **Motion** to lower price by another \$500 to \$1,500 to match the current market price by Meg, 2nd Cheryl; Roll Call: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**

2) Purchase of Fire Resistant Planfile

- a. **Motion** to approve the purchase of the fire-proof cabinet for the storage of 30x42 docs for \$11,976.38 (includes S&H) by Meg, 2nd Art; Roll Call: Meg – Y, Cheryl – Y, Greg – Y, Art – Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**
- b. The old cabinet will go to the WWTP for the storage of their large documents.

3) Update to Rental Agreement for Hall and Pavilion

- a. **Motion** to amend the rental agreement to state that music and loud noises be over by 10:00pm by Meg, 2nd Greg. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

New Business

1) Resolution 2025-13

- a. **Motion** to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to be compensated at the hourly Deputy Pay rate for updating the Grant Township Website as needed to meet minimum posting requirements for all township Boards and Authorities by Art; Roll Call: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**

2) Resolution 2025-14

- a. **Motion** to authorize Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to be compensated at the hourly Deputy Pay rate for completing Road Closure Permitting as required by MDOT by Meg; Roll Call: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**

3) Resolution 2025-15

- a. **Motion to approve:** KRACK- Certified Resolution for Special Liquor License Application & Insurance Binder by Greg; Roll call: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**

- 4) **Motion** to approve a Letter of Support for Keweenaw County Emergency & Essential Operations Center (**KCEEOC**) by Meg, 2nd Cheryl; All in favor. **Motion carries.**

- 5) **Motion** to approve a Letter of Support to FWSP for grant funding to repair the eroding seawall and replace the concrete decking on the piers at Copper Harbor Marina by Cheryl, 2nd Greg. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- 6) **Motion** to approve the Request for Input to U.S Board of Geographical Names (BGN) to change Lost Lake to Lake Trillium; authorizing Meg to file an input form by Cheryl, 2nd Greg. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- 7) **Motion** to Authorize a Sewer Credit to Tom Jones for a verified water leak from the hot water tank, computed as 3,720 gallons over his 3-year average of December usage, totaling \$41.85 by Meg, 2nd Art; Roll call: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl - Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**
- 8) **Motion** to approve the pursuit of an Alternate to the Board of Review by Meg, 2nd Greg. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- 9) **Motion** to approve repairs to the Ford truck by Copper Country Ford for all coolant lines and hoses totaling \$2,960 by Meg, 2nd Art; Roll call: Meg – y, Art - Y, Greg - Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**
- 10) **Motion** to approve quote for Jim's Septic to assist with Spring Grinder Clean-Out by Meg, 2nd Greg; Roll call: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Staci. **Motion carries.**

Here is the Jim's Septic quote for pumping/ spraying out 8 grinder cans.

Fuel: \$100

Pumpage: \$1000

Treatment Plant Disposal Fee: \$50

Total: \$1150

Agenda Request (Guests) Section

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>

Financial Wrap-up

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$58,125.25, broken down as follows:

Water.....	\$ 2,248.56
Sewer.....	\$ 2,493.57
Fire.....	\$ 3,969.20
General.....	\$ 16,178.10
February Payroll.....	\$ 33,235.82

And adjourn, made by Greg, 2nd Art; Roll call: Meg – Y, Art – Y, Greg – Y, Cheryl – Y; Absent: Staci.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjournment 7:00pm.

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Maintenance Supervisor Report

Truman Jones

Supervisor Meg Vivian-North met with me this month to go over priority projects. Very helpful!

Grinder pumps

- Cut power cable to be fixed. Company responsible will replace.
- Grinder call, no flag, popped out of reciever, flooded. Replaced.
- Alarm at seasonal residence due to freeze, turned off. To be fixed early spring.

Emergency Fixes

- Tractor water in fuel sensor fixed.
- Tractor Parking brake sensor fixed, seat sensor fixed.
- Ford, plow is welded, new reservoir tank and screens in hydro reservoir. Truck currently in shop for coolant hose replacement. Had to be towed in.

General

- Noticed huge Ice dam above boiler room in WC. Will insulate all hot pipes to reduce heat loss and prevent ice dam next year.
- Meeting room ceiling fan changeout is ongoing.
- Collecting Quotes for new plow truck.

Water

- Fixed/ lowered broken harbor house fire hydrant valve box. I trained Forrest on replacement. Fixing these valve boxes for the water and Sewer Systems is a priority project this summer. There are at least 20 others to fix.
- Broke down old Chlorine water fill valves/ meter. Replaced with new setup.
- Will checked water plant generator because of flickering lights. All good.

Wastewater

- Jeff, TJ, Finished North Alum tank clean.
- Jeff, Continuing cleaning all pipes/ infrastructure downstairs.

- New Grinder sled has skis! No holes
- New piping for Alum tank to pump fill.
- Collecting Quotes for Alum delivery.
- Conducting Alum experiment. Could save us \$. J.I.

Materials management

- Bags delivered to Bear belly.
- Jim Valsa will be back in late March. Forrest will continue to cover LLB recycling. Jim Now Back.

Jeff Fixes

- Set up Chlorine measurement light, new measurement markings, tank on new stand.

CHFD

3-11-25

OUR REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING OF THE CHFD
WAS HELD ON WED MAR. 5, 2025

WE HAD A BRIEF RECAP
ON THIS YEARS COPPER DOG
150, EVERYTHING ON OUR END
WORKED SMOOTHLY

OUR WORK SESSION WAS
CHANGING OUT THE 12 VOLT
BATTERY ON OUR 2014 S/B/S.
BATTERY WAS OVER 10 YEARS OLD

AT OUR MID-MONTH
MEETING FOR FEB. OUR
BATTERY CHAINSAW AND CHARGER
WERE PLACED IN TRUCK #6 JUST
IN CASE WE HAVE TO USE THEM.

NO OTHER PROJECTS THIS

WINTER.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE FINE
RELATED PAGE, THE COPPER DOG
PAGE. MEDICAL UNIT HAD A
NUMBER OF PAGE OSTS.

THAT'S ALL

T. BOOST

ART



Lac La Belle Volunteer Fire Department

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MONTHLY REPORT January & February 2025

FIRE CALLS: 2
2/6/25 Smoke alarm at residence in Bete Gris – (Pan left on stove – burner on – no one at residence) – filled house with smoke. Evacuate smoke – no fire or damage otherwise.
2/28/25 Tree on power line Gay LLB Rd by Gratiot River line down – wait for UPPCO -

SERVICE CALLS: 4 – Assist motorist bottom of LLB hill.
Copper dog traffic control 2 locations on Friday night and One location Saturday & one on Sunday.

EMS RUNS (FD ASSIST): 0

MONTHLY MEETING:

January 23, 2025 – 6 PM - 7 present

- Hats and shirts for members – pass out new ones
- Plan work on rescue truck
- DNR grant - 2025 – we were approved to purchase SCBA and Hydorvent (Hydorvent no longer available.) – Switching to Manifold
- Change charger in truck #2

February 17, 2025 – 6:00 PM – 8 present

- Pumper tanker discussion
- DNR grant discussion – about Manifold

- After actions discussion about ^{FILE} ~~Bohemia~~ call - Bete Gris. _{RS}
- Copper Dog planning

MONTHLY TRAINING:

January 6, 2025 6:00 PM - 9 present

- Run all trucks - pump on truck 1 flow foam
- Equipment training - review uses

February 3, 2025 - 6:00 PM - 8 present

- Run trucks
- Work on Rescue truck - putting it together.

OTHER: N/A

FIRST RESPONDER CALLS: 4 total 2 at Bohemia - 1 in Bete Gris - 1 gone on arrival (Motorist in Delaware)

SUBMITTED: Richard Olson

Chief Lac La Belle VFD

DATE: 3/11/25

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