

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

SUPERVISOR SHARI CHASE CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7 P.M.

THE BOARD AND THOSE IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MEMBERS PRESENT: SUPERVISOR SHARI CHASE, CLERK CAROL JONES, TREASURER MARY LONG, AND TRUSTEE KATHY McEVERS.

MEMBERS ABSENT: TRUSTEE JACK TREGANOWAN

GUESTS PRESENT: DAN STECK, TOM HALL, DAVE SCHUMACKER, JIM VIVIAN, JOHN BOTTO, MEL JONES AND JIM HUOVINEN

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
- ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER AND CLERK
- APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS – GENERAL FUND (CH #4729 -4744: \$5601.58 PLUS ACH FOR QUICKBOOKS \$211.95) WATER DEPARTMENT (CH #1369 – 1374: \$937.86)
- ADOPT AGENDA FOR TONIGHT’S MEETING

MOTION BY LONG, SECONDED BY McEVERS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT – JIM HUOVINEN SHARED AN EMAIL FROM WALT AND MARIANNE BARKER ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PARK AT THE TOWNSHIP SQUARE/ JIM VIVIAN SUGGESTED CONTACTING ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.

WATER DEPARTMENT – MEL REPORTED THAT ALL WATER SAMPLES TESTED NEGATIVE, INCLUDING THE THIRD VOC SAMPLE. BOARD DISCUSSED PLANS FOR MAKING WATER AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – JOHN BOTTO WILL CONTINUE TO RE-APPRAISE PROPERTIES ON A REGULAR BASIS.

OLD BUSINESS –

- MOTION BY McEVERS, SECONDED BY JONES, THAT A PARK ADVISORY BOARD BE ESTABLISHED, APPOINTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MOTION BY McEVERS, SECONDED BY CHASE, TO APPOINT DAN STECK, MEL JONES, JIM HUOVINEN, DAVE SCHUMACHER, JIM VIVIAN AND TOM HALL TO THE PARK ADVISORY BOARD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- DAVID SCHUMACHER WILL LOOK AT HANDICAPPED RAILING POSSIBILITIES, AND HOW TO INCORPORATE WITH THE PROPOSED PARK PLAN.

NEW BUSINESS –

- KATHY McEVERS SUGGESTED THE BOARD MAY WANT TO CONSIDER HIRING PRISON WORKERS.
- MOTION BY LONG, SECONDED BY McEVERS, TO SET THE 2018/2019 REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, AT 6 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MOTION BY McEVERS, SECONDED BY CHASE AUTHORIZING CLERK JONES TO HIRE HELP FOR THE WEB SITE IMPROVEMENTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MOTION BY McEVERS, SECONDED BY LONG, THAT JIM VIVIAN BE ALLOWED TO USE THE TOWNSHIP HALL RENT FREE FOR A FUND RAISER FOR LINDA SORSEN (FORMER TOWNSHIP TREASURER) MAY 13 -14, 2018. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- MOTION BY McEVERS, SECONDED BY CHASE, TO PLACE A MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR 2019 – 2023 ON THE AUGUST BALLOT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Houghton Township Millage Renewal

Shall Houghton Township be authorized to levy a renewal of 3 mils (\$3 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for four years,

2019 – 2022 inclusive, for continuing operational expenses, which 3 mils will raise an estimated \$30,442 in the first year the millage is levied?

[]Yes

[]No

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018 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 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

CAROL JONES, CLERK, HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP