

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**February 20, 2017**

**Houghton Township Community Building**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Supervisor Chase called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Trustee Treganowan led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Shari Chase, Clerk Carol Jones, Treasurer Mary Long, Trustee Jack Treganowan and Trustee Kathy Harri- McEvers.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mel Jones , Dan Steck, Gary Erickson, Carol Little and Sheriff Bill Luokinen

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- Approve minutes of January 16, 2017 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds (Water - #1293 – 1297 - \$583.81)  
(General - Checks #4495 – 4506 - \$2820.58)
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

**SHERIFF BILL LUOKINEN** – report on new programs: canine unit for drug investigations, finding lost hikers, (nearest canine unit is 3 – 6 hours away)----Community Safety Day, especially fire dept ----Fraud prevention classes

Issues the Sheriff's office could help with: marijuana sales; beach and fireworks; (must enact ordinance restricting fireworks); disturbing the peace; he suggested meeting with all parties involved especially for 4<sup>th</sup> of July to decide a game plan; (liability bond for one night by the Fitz) ---

**BUDGET** –. Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, to increase the assessor line 209100 by \$240. Motion passed unanimously.

**WATER DEPT** – Mel passed out a yearly pumpage comparison report with data from 1991 – 2016

**BOARD OF REVIEW** – Carol Little reported dates for Board of Review and some procedures. Mel will inform all other Board of Review members of meeting dates.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

- Green Burial – the amendment to our cemetery rules has been worked on and will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Rental Agreement – Edited document reviewed and changes made to the edited version will be reviewed next month.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers that Clerk Carol Jones be the webmaster with pay set at \$25 per month. Motion passed unanimously.

**FLOOR COMMENTS** -

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Carol Jones, Clerk  
Houghton Township