

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
Monday, April 15, 2013
Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Vivian 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 Jim Vivian, Clerk Carol Jones, Treasurer Shari Chase, Trustee Mary Long and Trustee Jack Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom Hall, Mel Jones, Carol Little, Allyssa Loven, Matt Lutz and Jim Huovinen

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of March 15, 2013 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds as listed on attached sheet
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting
 - Added – 5 year Rec Plan renewal
 - Added – Wedding request for beach on August 24, 2013
 - Added – Supervisor's Report – Dog situation
 - Added – Water system repair

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

OLD BUSINESS

Museum report – the grant for the historic piano has been submitted
Agreement document – Mel will contact Virginia and ask her to present it to the History Association Board

NEW BUSINESS

Shari's Report – The settlement, with the help of Carol Little, balanced to the penny. Shari will ask someone to replace Faye Hayward as deputy treasurer.

Supervisor's report – The cost of signs regarding dogs will be shared with the county.

Jim attended a meeting about future mining possibilities in the area/ also discussed was the aftermath of mining operations and impact on the community. There will be more discussions of this issue.

Carol's report – We have a letter from the county requesting a change of billing for the light on county property.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Chase, that a letter be sent to UPPCO requesting that they transfer the billing for the county light from the township to the county. Motion passed unanimously.

Action regarding former assessor – Records have been turned over to assessor Carol Little, but no information regarding the reassessment has been entered. The Board of Review Tax Roll should be returned to the township office.

Discussion of cemetery lot fees tabled.

Bids for the roof: There is enough money in the account to begin seeking bids for the work. Next month, the board will review the specs drawn up several years ago by UP Engineering. The cupola and end gables will be included in the work. It was suggested that future Bridgefests could help finance the project.

The board decided that belonging to a cemetery search engine was not necessary, but will suggest to those seeking information where information is available.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, that board members be authorized to attend the June 5th MTA meeting, with expenses paid by the board. Motion passed unanimously.

Board authorized clerk to order the set of books from MTA which are guides to each of the elected positions.

The next fiscal year (2013-2014) were set for the third Monday of each month.

It was decided to maintain the Museum Savings Account.

The township rental agreement was distributed to each board member, and will be reviewed at later meetings.

Water System Repairs – A leak was brought to Mel's attention by Gary Erickson. This was the third time for this problem in the same area. A brass pipe replacement was used this time, and should be more durable. Siler, Inc. will bid on the tank replacement project, and a plan will be given to Doug Pasco in August.

BUDGET REVIEW

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, that the election account line of the General Fund be set at \$100. Motion passed unanimously.

The budget for the Bridge Account will be set at the meeting next month. Mary Long will do the preparation work.

FLOOR COMMENTS

Mary Long reminded the board that the stairway leading to the museum upstairs needs to be secured. Tom Hall and Mel Jones will make sure that is done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, May 20, 2013

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 15th day of April, 2013.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township