

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**August 18, 2012**  
**Houghton Township Community Building**

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

Supervisor Vivian called the regular meeting to order at 10 a.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, and Trustee Jack Treganowan.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Mary Long (due to work conflict)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Al Streiter, Eileen Swank, Kathee Banovetz, Jim Huovinen, Judy Hauk, Mary Lark, and Eric Peterson

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- Approve minutes of July 16, 2012 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds as listed on attached sheet
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

A request by Eric Peterson to use the town square for an outdoor wedding was granted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Museum – some of the murals are completed and ready to be placed on the walls. The attorney looking at the Agreement Document has not gotten back to the board with her opinion.

Clint Jones Land Division and Sale- Jim Vivian confirmed that the lot sale was permissible.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, that Clint Jones be permitted to sell the lot.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bridgefest Report – the event was well attended; preliminary numbers show that there was about \$4500 profit; the same as last year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tour of Keweenaw Copper Country Drill Site – information : Site had previously been drilled, but results must be confirmed so drilling is being done again to satisfy stringent Canadian Exchange rules. \$16 million has been spent. They must go through a two year environmental impact study. Also, due to State Law #632 mining regulations, the county zoning does not need to write more regulations.

Shari – reported on the status of purchase of shades for the second floor: the order has been processed and will be paid for when the shades are delivered. She requested that the board meet ½ hour before the next regular meeting to go over the duties of each elected office/ and suggested that our rental policy be reviewed.

Lease or ownership of deer park: Since 1948, the lease for the Deer Park area has always been with the township – with whatever company owned the land. Currently it is GMO. The lease is for \$1.00 per year.

Carol recommended that payments for insurances, FICA and the audit be shared by other funds. Board agreed that this would be done with future payments.

**FLOOR COMMENTS**

Jim Huovinen – noted that there was excess dumping of garbage at Deer Park/ the township garage door is broken (too heavy)/ suggested that we get roof repair estimates/ reported that some bags have been put in the dumpster that were not Waste Management – perhaps place a camera?  
Jim Vivian – satellite recycle bins don't seem to be an option. The Goodwill store has recycling.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Next meeting – Monday, September 17, 2012 to begin at 6:30 p.m.with a workshop reviewing duties of each office/ regular meeting to follow at 7 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

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Carol Jones, Clerk – Houghton Township