

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
September 17, 2012
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 Vivian, Clerk Jones, Treasurer Chase, Trustee Long and Trustee Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom and Elaine Hall, Carol Treganowan, Faye Hayward, Kathy McEvers, Tom Kehoe, Elaine Swank, Edith Niederer, and Jeff Williams.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of August 18, 2012 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds, with bills totaling:
 - General Fund –\$8671.70
 - Water Fund –\$431.25
 - Bridge Fund - \$804.73
 - Cemetery Fund - \$153.31
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Letter: reviewed by the board

Museum: agreement document – no report from the attorney yet

October 6 – preliminary opening of museum in collaboration with our potluck dinner.

Track lighting suggested for the second floor displays with all the cost born by the K HS

KHS to have their regular meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, to authorize the installation of track lighting after the board reviews the plan for placement and type of lights; final authorization to come from the Houghton Township Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by Vivian, to pay 50% of the invoice for the second floor window shades. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Shari's report – A major issue has been resolved with a taxpayer.

Bridge – plan for future work: straighten railings; replace some steel below the bridge, and install structural angle steel. Two contractors were invited to bid for the job, with only one response – McMahan Excavating bid \$3850 for this work. Motion by Treganowan to hire McMahan Excavating to begin the work as soon as possible. Seconded by Chase. Motion passed unanimously.

When the concrete work is done next, it will be what is used on ice rinks.

BUDGET REVIEW

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, to increase School and Education (Water Fund) from \$180 to \$230. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan to increase Supplies (Water Fund) from \$400 to \$1200. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, to increase Facilities and Equipment (Bridge Fund) from \$400 to \$450. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOR COMMENTS

Kathy McEvers –A bad septic smell at the Fitzgerald has been noticed many times this summer. A written report will be sought from the Health dept., and a letter will be sent with the township taking a position.

Tom Kehoe – felt we need to get an attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, October 15,2012

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 17th day of September, 2012.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township