

**,REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
APRIL 20, 2015
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, Mel Jones, and Kathy McEvers

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of March 21, 2015 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

WATER DEPARTMENT- Mary prepared a report of payments for the month with the quarter billing report.

Mel reported on certification meeting attended in Escanaba, and one he will attend in May to complete his certification (valid until 2017).

He got information on a pipe locator, and information will be sent soon. The estimated cost is \$3000, and Mel is recommending that we purchase one.

Jim suggested we ask about a payment program, or lease program. Sirtola plans to put the new pumps in on Monday, April 17th.

NEW BUSINESS – Jim has talked to Buzz Johnson about new siding or painting the township building. Buzz feels new siding is a necessity and suggested a prefinished siding, for a cost of about \$48,500. The quote will be kept on file.

Jim was contacted by Mike LaMotte and Mark Rei. A mistake was made on a land deed – lot 3 was written instead of lot 4. The county board will need to deal with it.

Street lights- Jim is suggesting that all the street lights be 9000 lumens which would save about \$60 per month. Jim will check into it further, so a decision can be made at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Shari has been working with Mary on the new billing system.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Covered in the new business.

CLERK'S REPORT – Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, to pay the bill from Siler for the work at the condo and bill the condo for half of it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carol reported about contact with the Patterson family regarding lots purchased in 1970 in the old section of the cemetery. They have agreed to take lots in the new section, as directed by the cemetery ordinance.

Motion by Long, seconded by Vivian, that the regular board meetings be held on the third Monday of each month, at 7p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Board notified of two Keweenaw County Historical Society requests to use the building.

FLOOR COMMENTS- Load restrictions are on, so garbage must be put in the garage. (Tom)

Jim – some brush trimming has been done by the river, and will be picked up later.

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, May 18, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8 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 20th of April, 2015

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township