

**,REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013
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 Vivian, Clerk Jones, Treasurer Chase, Trustee Long and Trustee Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Elaine Hall, Mel Jones, Jim Huovinen, Sharon Deal, Judith Hauk, Mary Lark, Mark and Kathy McEvers, Betsy Arend, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and Mannisto, and Bob Niederer

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of July 15, 2013 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds

General Fund – \$15,432.09

Water Fund – \$1225.41

Cemetery Fund - \$362.19

Bridge Fund - \$1926.79

- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – Supervisor Vivian received an email from the former assessor stating that he would not work with Carol Little and that we had not tried to contact him concerning our grievances with him. Jim will pursue legal action to recover the money paid to him for work that was not done.

OLD BUSINESS

MUSEUM – Mel Jones -Open house scheduled for Aug 25. Everything is ready, and the sign will go up Monday. So far, the plan is to have the museum open Wed, Sat and Sun afternoon. There will be no charge for admission, but there will be two donation boxes: one for the museum, and one for restoration of the piano.

WATER DEPARTMENT –Mel – Doug Pascoe stopped by last week to check on storage tank situation. It needs replacing. Doug is confident in Dick Supina's work and opinions. Mel asked for direction as to when we should begin this project. Jim has asked Dick to come to the meeting next month and discuss possibilities, and be specific as to cost.

NEW BUSINESS –

Zoning issue –

Motion by Jim Vivian, seconded by Shari Chase, that the Houghton Township Board position regarding the proposed zoning change for Eagle River be to keep the zoning as it is now: Resort residential.

Kathy McEvers expressed concern that the current land use plan show's Eagle River as RS, when it is not. She would like to see this error fixed, and the land use plan designation for Eagle River be RR.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, to request that the platted town of Eagle River zoning in the land use plan be in agreement with the current zoning. Motion passed unanimously.

Shari – shared what she has learned regarding her request for a salary increase: there must be a board salary resolution passed, and then the increase can be voted on at the next meeting.

Jim Vivian made a motion to rescind the action taken at the June 17, 2013 meeting regarding the treasurer's salary. Seconded by Treganowan. Motion passed unanimously.

Some of the front door keys are missing- board decided to pay closer attention to who has them.

Jim Vivian is suggested that we no longer rent the township building, or have a township resident sponsor the event and be at the activity. Building rental will be revisited.

Supervisor's report: Bridgefest was successful – gross take was as high as in the past. There is now enough money to paint the bridge.

Question on bridge painting: bridge will not need to be sandblasted as a flake incorporating paint will be used. Environmental concerns will be addressed. Vic Betterly will be the painting contractor.

Jim Huovinen – Board and those in attendance reviewed his letter with several suggestions for the board to consider.

FLOOR COMMENTS

Mary Lark – Recycling issue – she is suggesting we join with Eagle Harbor for recycling. Jim has talked to them, but there has been no answer.

Jim Vivian suggested that the dumpster be moved to the paved area across the road from where it is now.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.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 17th of August, 2013.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township

Agenda for September 16, 2013

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Consent agenda – minutes, financial report and authorization of bills for all fund and adopt agenda.
4. Old business
- Assessor's report
 - Museum report –
5. New Business
 - Shari 's report
 - Supervisor's report
 - Clerk's report -
 - Assessment issues – legal action
 - Jim Huovinen's request regarding handicapped railing
 - Salary resolution
5. Budget review
6. Floor comments
7. Confirm date for next meeting – October 21 , 2013

FINANCIAL REPORT OF ALL FUNDS

As of 9/16/13

General - \$11,819.94

Bridge - \$4651.02

Water - \$30,208.72

Cemetery - \$2155.50

Savings - \$1481.32

CD - \$14,336.79

Museum Savings Fund - \$101.12