

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014
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, Sharon Deal, Sally , Judith Hauk, Mary Lark, Bob Niederer, Ken and Kathy Johnson, Tom Kehoe, Dan Steck, Paul Mihelcich, Sarah Kelly, Kathy McEvers, Edith Niederer, Gary Erickson, and Jan Cole

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of July 21, 2014 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 –Mel –All bills have been paid for the water tank capital improvements, and there is over \$17,000 in the account. We may not have to wait until next year to install the new pumps. No quote is in yet for the soft starts for the pumps.

When the new pumps are installed, that will complete the water upgrade.

The auditor was not available for meeting with the board about the billing system. Before our next meeting, she should be able to meet with us. The concern of the auditor is that the person reading the meter should not send out the bills. The board and Mel will try to set up the new program before September 30th.

OLD BUSINESS –

Bridge painting –It is almost finished, but because of the cool weather, the project may have to wait until next summer to be completed.

Tom reported that a 5 year old child fell off the lower part of the bridge - a no trespassing sign will be posted. Also, the trolley could be stored in the middle of the bridge.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Jack mentioned that several customers have requested that he continue to sell the garbage bags through the winter. The board authorized him to continue to sell bags.
- Shari reported that commercial forest money has come in. She is suggesting that we not use the savings money for the auditor, but leave it in the savings for future needs.
- A letter from Ann Gasperich was read to the board, regarding a property issue in Allouez Township. The board briefly discussed the problem, but could take no action.
- Pre-application for Water Shed Work – There are three or four projects involved. What is requested from our board is that we agree to support their pre-application process. Once the applications are in, a rep would come and explain the work to us. Jack and Tom expressed concern that the work be done better than was done up by Central. Kathy McEvers expressed concern that we would approve without information.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, to support the pre-application process for the Water Shed Reclamation project.

Vote was Yes: Treganowan, Vivian, Chase and Long No: Jones Motion passed

Regular board meeting for September was rescheduled for September 22nd.

FLOOR COMMENTS –none

Meeting adjourned at 8p.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 18th of August, 2014.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township