

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
JUNE 15, 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, Ed Cole, Jan Cole, Vic Betterly, Salee Olson, Sharon Deal and Dan Steck

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of May 15th, 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 –

- Soft start pumps were installed by Bay Electric at a cost of \$2482.22. There is not enough money to pay the whole amount this month.
- Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, to transfer \$3000 from the savings account to the water department. Motion passed unanimously.
- By next meeting, there will be a quote on an automatic switch for the pumps, to replace the manual system.
- Ordinance Revision – a copy of the revised ordinance will be posted on the bulletin board, and voted on in July.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Zoning** – Supervisor Vivian was advised by legal counsel to recuse himself from voting on the current zoning complaint.

Motion by Mary Long, seconded by Carol Jones, that a letter be written to the zoning board of appeals with a copy to the zoning administrator advising that Houghton Township supports the resort residential zoning and the May 13, 2015 administrative interpretation by the Keweenaw county zoning administrator Ann Gasperich which stated that no events except those which involve registered guests are permissible in resort residential. Motion passed with the vote as follows:

Ayes – Jones, Long, Chase Abstain – Vivian and Treganowan

- **Auditor** – Motion by Chase, seconded by Long, to contract the services of Susan D. Sanford, CPA PLLC for the biannual audit in 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – Mel is meeting with Phil Mason to discuss plans for the placement of the Tioga. Jim has concerns about the condition of the structure, and is suggesting that it be fixed and stabilized before it is moved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Shari will set up a concert with a visiting pianist to present a music program, at no charge to the township.

CLERK – Reported that the Eagle River Museum has opened for the season; a new computer was purchased to replace the XP for Quickbooks; The download process has begun.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Vic Betterly was asked to give an opinion on the best way to maintain the outside of the building.

He feels that doing one or two sides a year, rotating the sides as needed. He will give us a bid for the south side for next month's meeting. Street lights; the UPPCO representative did not come to look at the street lights, and is has been difficult to contact him. Jim will keep trying.

FLOOR COMMENTS -

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, July 20, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 15th of June, 2015.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township