

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
March 19, 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, Mel Jones, and Jim Huovinen, Meg North, Chris Davidson, Troy Jarvi and Luke Theisen

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of February 20, 2012 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting/ add handicap ramp report

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

Meg North and Chris Davidson, Troy Jarvi and Luke Theisen – representing Horizons school in Mohawk. They have applied for a grant from Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative. She noted the spotted knapweed problem in the area, which is part of the grant project.

The request is that we partner with them on the project, with an agreement that we would sign. One thousand dollars was suggested as a match provided by the township, to be used primarily for replanting costs.

Motion by Treganowan that we enter in an agreement with Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative and Horizons High School for the purpose of eradication of the spotted knapweed and replanting. Seconded by Vivian. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Mel is scheduled to attend a workshop to maintain his certification. There was a request to post the times of flushing the hydrants.

This year there are a lot of tests to run so the budget will need to allow for those.

OLD BUSINESS

Museum – The first floor walls have been painted where the stabilization work was done. The board reviewed the expenses incurred so far for the project.

The KHS was presented with the bill for the balance of the expenses of the second floor stabilization.

Board of Review – those who asked for changes have been notified of the board of review decisions.

Agreement with the Keweenaw Historical Society – reviewed and #6 was edited to read

AV Room – Work authorized to begin once the reimbursement of \$1296.98 comes from the Keweenaw Historical Society.

Work to be done is: Drywall, mud and tape the walls and insulate and paint. Work to be done by Mel Jones, Jim Huovinen and Tom Hall; The township understands that there is to be reimbursement for these expenses from the KHS

Tom authorized to buy paint for the back outside wall of the building.

Newsletter for the township – Will be mailed out this week.

NEW BUSINESS - none

BUDGET REVIEW – Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, to increase the Board of Review line item from \$1600 to \$2000. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF BUDGETS FOR ALL FUNDS

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, that the Bridge Restoration Fund budget presented for 2012-13 be adopted. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Treganowan, that the Cemetery Fund Budget presented for 2012-13 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, that the Water Fund budget presented for 2012-13 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, that the General Fund budget presented for 2012-13 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOR COMMENTS

Jim Huovinen suggested that there be a back up operator for the water department.

Shari asked about expenses incurred by Gitche Gumees for the printing of water bills – Mel said the camp is willing to donate the cost of printing the water bills.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, April 9, 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 19th day of March, 2012.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township