

**,REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
JUNE 17, 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, Tom Kehoe, Kathy McEvers and Helen Ryan

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of May 19, 2014 regular meeting
- Accept financial reports
- Approve payment of bills for all funds
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, to approve the consent agenda, with minutes as corrected to read : floor comments – “the Keweenaw Historical Society, and not “we” got \$1000. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, to accept the 2014 auditor's report from Rukkila, Negro and Associates. Motion passed unanimously.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT - Arbutus Peterson had questioned Carol Little about lot splits. Shari and Carol are waiting on information from the school before printing tax bills.

There are two lots with incorrect legal descriptions –there cannot be any action until corrected. Carol thinks they are under the lake currently, and wants to find out where they actually are.

Carol attended two classes in Lansing, and is currently attending two other classes. July 22nd is the next board of review meeting date. She has been working on legal descriptions for all the properties.

WATER DEPT.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian to pay Sirtola an additional \$395 for the extra day of work as described on the invoice. Motion passed unanimously.

McMahon will now be able to finish his work. Doug Pascoe was pleased upon inspection of the work.

OLD BUSINESS -Spending and bid limits

Motion by Long to rescind the motion made at the April meeting concerning spending and bid limits. Motion seconded by Jack Treganowan, and passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, to increase the limit requiring a bid to \$20,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Bridge Painting – Jim – there is about \$4000 in the bridge fund. The total cost of repainting would be approximately \$600 - \$800.

Jim would like to have volunteers do the painting. There are ongoing expenses for the bridge fund as well – insurance, auditor share of expense, etc. Kathy McEvers suggested putting a flyer in the next water bill about volunteering for the work session.

NEW BUSINESS – Board agreed that the museum would have to be closed two days when there is a wedding.

Treasurer – Taxes will go out July 1, and there has been no further word on the letter the county wants to include with the tax bill.

A new printer was purchased for doing tax bills, as the Kyocera would not work.

Supervisor – Dumpsters will be moved to the area across from the county garage: estimated cost of materials to enclose the area would be \$300. Jim would like to see volunteer help to build the enclosure. Mine rock would be another \$100 or so. A zoning permit would be needed from the county.

One more tree needs to be removed from the cemetery, and a private party wants to remove it.

Clerk – requested permission from the board to allow a wedding on the old bridge in September; Shirley Huestis will be conducting the music camp again starting July 20th; presented to the board a request for a small group to use the hall for about 2 hours. The board agreed to the use, with no cost.

FLOOR COMMENTS –

Mel announced the grant of \$7000 given to the Keweenaw Historical Society for piano restoration by a foundation in Midland. The piano restoration company has been contacted, and the work can be done beginning in September, to be completed for the 2015 season. A concert is planned for a dedication of the piano.

Kathy asked about strategic planning – this will be done after the board can view the workshop online from MTA

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, July 21ST, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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 16th of June, 2014

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township