

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
May 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 Hall, Phil Mason, Mel Jones, Gary Erickson, Tom Bates, and Bill Kallman.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of April 9, 2012 regular meeting
 - Accept financial report
 - Approve payment of bills for all funds as listed on attached sheet
 - Adopt agenda for meeting
- Added – Bill Kallman, Shari Chase and Jack Treganowan, Carol Jones

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

Phil Mason Museum report

Bill Kallman – Bridge Report – we are at the final stage of restoration which is to lay concrete over the surface.

Bill has been in contact with Mich Tech. –they are doing research with the largest cement companies in the world – LeFarge –the cement is 25,000 psi as opposed to 3,000. He has suggested to them that the Main Street Bridge be used as their project. It's called Ultra High Portland Cement. (UHPC) It's a higher quality, and lasts longer. Doesn't need rebar or mesh reinforcement. Our bridge would take 6 yards of material. Jack asked about the needed crown for the pavement. Bill said he has asked the Tech group to address this. Gary suggested that if this is done, a stamp be installed, indicating that this is the first bridge to have this kind of paving.

Audio visual – next step is flooring, trim and wainscoting.

WATER DEPARTMENT – Mel attended 2 day meeting in Escanaba to maintain his certification. He reported that the state of MI must go to new standards on brass fittings (lead content) which will raise the cost.

Flushing hydrants will be done this week, and Mel will call everyone

OLD BUSINESS

Water dept assistant position will be considered at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, that the regular board meetings for Houghton Township be scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month through May 2013. Motion passed unanimously..

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, to retain the services of Superior National Bank for savings accounts, checking accounts and certificates of deposit. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, to maintain the services of Jackie Aalto as township accountant. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, that the township retain the services of Matt Arko as township assessor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Jones, that treasurer Shari Chase has authorization that any overpayments of taxes totaling less than \$5.00 not be refunded. Motion passed unanimously.

New tax software has been installed. Shari will attend a class in Houghton to learn to use the software.

Table Replacement – Tables are available for \$100 apiece in Houghton. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Jones, that 8 tables be purchased for \$100 apiece. The old tables will be sold at the community garage sale. Motion passed unanimously.

Grant application for handicapped rail was mailed yesterday.

Jim Vivian – would like to see the township buy four more picnic tables with 2 to be placed at the bridge and 2 at Deer Park.

The Treganowan family requested use of the beach on August 1 for a wedding.

All agreements must be reviewed by a lawyer – he will have Donna Jaaskelainen look at the KHS agreement.

FLOOR COMMENTS

Jim Vivian would like to coordinate community clean up with Dumpster day. Especially tree and brush trimming
Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Next meeting – Monday, June 18

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 May, 2012

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township