

**,REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
JULY 21, 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, Elaine Swank and daughter, Carol Little, Kathy McEvers, Mary Lark and Sharon Deal.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of June 17, 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.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – Carol Little has been working on a land parcel map of the township; Rothenbergers have questioned their property status. Their address in Illinois, but they plan to move here.

WATER DEPARTMENT – Eileen Swank had a water problem in her home. Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Long, to delete \$6 from her water bill, to compensate for the extra water that ran because of the problem.

New Billing System – The auditor has recommended a different billing system. It was decided to have Shari, Mel and Jim meet with the auditor to discuss how the new system would be implemented.

OLD BUSINESS

Bridge painting – Jim has had second thoughts about volunteers painting the bridge, because the township staff would be able to do it themselves. The work will be started this Wednesday morning.

NEW BUSINESS –

Sale of old riding mower – A new mower was purchased, and we could sell the old on for \$300. Jim would like to see the money spent on a snow blower. Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian to sell the old riding mower for \$300. – Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Shari reported that a letter (with information about the antique piano) sent with the water bills was illegal, according to the auditor. Mel assured the board that no such letters would be included with the bills in the future.

Shari suggested two things: consider using a township debit card; consider purchasing regular office furniture

CLERK – Reported that the school election reimbursement (\$2235.75) has been received; election workers have been selected for the August 5th election; discussed a possible time to view MTA workshops.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – There were many favorable comments about our building at Judge Gregorich's memorial service.

There will soon be an Informational meeting will be at the courthouse about the road commission for the upcoming millage.

Water Fund Budget - Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, that the insurance line of the Water Fund Budget be increased by \$90, from \$350 to \$440. Motion passed unanimously.

FLOOR COMMENTS

Eileen noted that the plows had ruined some of their plant pots, and that there is a washout next to the road. Jim will let Chris know at the Road commission.

Tom reported that there are two push mowers owned by the township– Jim said he should get rid of them.

Tom mentioned that the berm is difficult to maintain. He wondered about planting a groundcover.

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, August 18, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 21st of July, 2014.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township