

**,REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
FEBRUARY 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: Mel Jones

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of January 20, 2014 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting
- Register of deposits and expenditures (incurred since last meeting) attached, and given to all board members

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – Read by Shari Chase, as Carol Little was unable to attend the meeting. Board confirmed their approval to pay for the Apex software program, and agreed to put the maintenance fee in the budget for next year. Attached is a copy of the assessor's notes.

WATER DEPT – UPPCO has fixed the problem with voltage discrepancies.

OLD BUSINESS

MUSEUM – Phil Mason will be researching information for the piano in the Detroit area. Jim Vivian has a period piano stool to put with the piano. Phil has some Tioga artifacts that need to be displayed in the corner closet, and plans to develop a wall mural on the first floor for the Tioga.

REVISE/REVIEW TOWNSHIP RENTAL AGREEMENT-

NEW BUSINESS –

STRATEGIC PLANNING – Board looked at the previous plan, and discussed changes for the future.

CLERK – Noted letter of appreciation from Leslie DuTemple regarding the 2013 Copper Dog Race.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – A property belonging to Clint Jones needs to be reconfigured.

At our Feb meeting we approved the lot split for Clint Jones- see letter etc.

Re: Township bd passing our own ordinance re platted areas for trailer placement(village, east and Phoenix). The rest of the township would be under county zoning rules. The board drawing up an ordinance with input from the community.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

We need to pay the school back the second payment (CCISD portion) -

Motion by Long, seconded by Treganowan, that the treasurer be authorized to pay back \$1665 to CLK public schools.

Motion passed unanimously

Search for a township auditor – there have been 2 positive responses:

Ruukila – quoted \$6250, to be increased by \$200 each time an audit is done.

A Marquette firm - \$6750

Jim suggested placing an ad in the paper for a certified auditor; Shari will call MTA to see what our options might be.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Treganowan, that Shari call MTA, and place ad in the Daily Mining Gazette for audit services. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET worksheets prepared by Mary Long, for next fiscal year, were reviewed. Mel suggested turning off the water heater to save money.

FLOOR COMMENTS

A question was asked about the bridgefest – we will not try to do one this year.

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, March 17, 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 17th of February, 2014.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township