

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
June 19, 2017
Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Chase called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Trustee Treganowan led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Chase, Clerk Jones, Treasurer Long, Trustee McEvers and Trustee Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom Hall, Mel Jones, Tom Bates, Jim Vivian, Sharon Deal, Tom Kehoe, Helen Ryan

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Approve minutes of May 17, 2017 regular meeting as corrected

Accept financial report

Approve payment of bills for all funds (Water - \$964.02) (General - \$4421.19)

Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by McEvers, to approve the consent agenda, with minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Tom Kehoe expressed support of Keweenaw County Historical Society's use of the township hall.

WATER DEPARTMENT – The Consumer Confidence Report will be posted; test results can be reviewed by the public upon request; repairs are needed at the Chris Bryant property; the Coles will be having a new hook-up

ASSESSOR'S REPORT – Carol Little's meeting with the state official went very well, and was helpful. (as noted by Clerk Jones, also attending the meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS –

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by McEvers, to allow the use of the community building by the Keweenaw County Historical Society at no charge for a volunteer appreciation event. Motion passed unanimously.

Rental Agreement – Final revised copy to be presented next month for adoption

Green Burial - Motion by Long, seconded by McEvers, to table discussion of green burials. Motion passed unanimously.

Painting – Jack and Mel will begin planning for the painting project. A HiLo will be rented.

Motion by McEvers, seconded by Chase, to proceed with the painting of the building with Mel and Jack overseeing the project, and to purchase paint and incidental supplies, to rent the HiLo and to oversee its operation.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - Jm Vivian reported on a proposed land swap by the state, exchanging 320 acres of Houghton Township land for 80 acres in Grant Township. The land would be taken off the tax rolls.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, that a letter be sent stating that we are not pleased that the township was not notified of the land swap, and don't think that it would benefit our Township, the county, or the state to make this swap.

Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Fund balances as of May 31, 2017 reported. Summer tax bills to be sent out soon.

CLERK'S REPORT – Motion by McEvers, seconded by Long to fund clerk's attendance at MTA workshop for \$300.

Motion passed unanimously. The clerk will fund the travel and housing expense.

The website minutes are in progress of being updated.

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, July 17, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 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 19th day of June, 2017

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township