

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

SUPERVISOR SHARI CHASE CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7 P.M.

THE BOARD AND THOSE IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

MEMBERS PRESENT: SUPERVISOR SHARI CHASE, CLERK CAROL JONES, TREASURER MARY LONG, AND TRUSTEES JACK TREGANOWAN AND KATHY McEVERS

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS PRESENT: ASSESSOR CAROL LITTLE, MEL JONES, ANN GASPERICH, GARY ERICKSON

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 REGULAR MEETING
- ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORTS – TREASURER AND CLERK
- APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR ALL FUNDS – GENERAL FUND (CH #4635 – 4650: \$5275.11)/ WATER DEPARTMENT (CH #1336 – 1338: \$770.83/ CEMETERY FUND (CH# 1103 –1104 \$148.26)
- ADOPT AGENDA FOR TONIGHT’S MEETING

MOTION BY TREGANOWAN, SECONDED BY McEVERS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH MINUTES AS CORRECTED TO READ (UNDER ASSESSOR’S REPORT) MARCH 31, 2018 INSTEAD OF 2017. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- GARY ERICKSON NOTED THAT THERE WERE SERIOUS EROSION PROBLEMS ALONG VILLAGE STREETS DUE TO RAIN. SHARI RESPONDED THAT SHE HAS CONTACTED THE ROAD COMMISSION. KATHY RECOMMENDED THAT GARY MIGHT ALSO CONTACT THE ROAD COMMISSION.
- ANN GASPERICH DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION PERTINENT TO HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP THAT IS IN THE CURRENT COUNTY RECREATION PLAN. SHE IS REQUESTING OUR REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED UPDATE OF THE PLAN.

WATER DEPARTMENT – MEL REPORTED THAT 5 NEW METERS AND A NEW READING GUN HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT – THE STATE ACCEPTED THE AMAR CORRECTIONS LETTER. REGARDING HER RESIGNATION, CAROL NOTED THAT ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS WAS TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN JOB RESPONSIBILITIES. HER CURRENT LICENSE WILL EXPIRE IN 2018.

OLD BUSINESS –

- NATURAL BURIALS–A WORK MEETING TO DISCUSS BURIAL REGULATIONS SET FOR 6 P.M. MON, DECEMBER 4TH
- BOARD AGREED TO TAKE NO ACTION ON MARIJUANA ISSUE(RECOMMENDED IF NO MARIJUANA FACILITIES TO BE ALLOWED)

NEW BUSINESS –

- A DRAFT OF A TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD.
- MOTION BY McEVERS, SECONDED BY JONES, TO AUTHORIZE MARY LONG TO ORDER A SECURE, PERMANENT MAIL DROP BOX. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- CLERK AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE A NEW CALCULATOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 AT 7 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 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017

CAROL JONES, CLERK, HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP