

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
FEBRUARY 16, 2015
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, Mel Jones, and Kathy McEvers

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Approve minutes of January 19, 2015 regular meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds

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

WATER DEPARTMENT - Mary reported that she is meeting with the township auditor on Friday. She thinks that the new billing system will be ready for the next billing cycle. The board authorized purchase of office furniture for Mary's work as needed.

Mel reported on the bid from Bill's Electric for the electric work on the new pump installation. It came in at over \$20,000, which is more than the estimate for the pump installation. Jim suggested that Sirtola may be able to include the electric work with the pump installation. Mel will seek a bid from Bay Electric and RC Mechanical as well. Mel was also directed to ask how much money will be needed up front for the electrical work. A permit will be needed for the pumps, so Mel will look into that.

Regarding meters: Besides the 3 meters that need to be installed, there are three others that are not working properly.

OLD BUSINESS – Carol Treganowan attended the Board of Review training, and has training materials to share.

NEW BUSINESS –

TREASURER'S REPORT - Carol Little will be sending assessment reports out tomorrow. Tomorrow is also the last day to pay taxes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Jim plans to contact Betterly painting for a quote for the township building exterior; he will also check with Buzz Johnson about pre-painted siding. We may be able to get funding help as a historical building. Jim is continuing to pursue purchase of the lot bordering the public beach.

CLERK – Shirley Huestis has requested permission to use the township building for the Village Music Camp July 25- August 1, 2015.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Jones, that the Village Music Camp led by Shirley Huestis be allowed to use the township building, with the same stipulations as last year. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel commented that the museum may sponsor a concert in August to dedicate the restored piano.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Vivian, that the treasurer put \$3000 of the Bridge Fund money into a CD. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim will look into changing street light bulbs to 9000 lumens from 14000 lumens.

Discussion concerning the cemetery: Considered a perpetual care fee; becoming part of the Historical society;

Tom: brought up the issue of marking the lanes in the new part of the cemetery, and how could we go about that.

FLOOR COMMENTS (comments to be limited to 3 minutes during this time)

Tom reminded everyone of the Copper dog race. Jim suggested that we may not need as much parking plowed, and that the blade needs adjusting so it does not tear up the yard. Tom has already taken care of that problem.

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, March 16, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 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 of February, 2015.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township