

,REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**May 19, 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

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL/ ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- Approve minutes of April 21, 2014 regular meeting
- Approve minutes of April 26 special meeting
- Accept financial report
- Approve payment of bills for all funds
- Adopt agenda for tonight's meeting

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

**WATER DEPARTMENT**—Mel – Sirtola has begun the work on tank installation. Rather than soft start, Supina suggested a VFD start. Pascoe and Supina would also like to see new pumps, as the ones we have are very old. The cost for new pumps (from Sirtola) would be \$19,200.

That would make the total cost about \$43,000. Mel is suggesting we wait to purchase new pumps, and the soft starts. Jim suggested that the new pumps and soft starts could be installed in the fall, when the water fund will have more money.

**BID FOR TANK REMOVAL** – from McMahon Excavating – remove tank and concrete footings - \$2950. He would like half down, with the balance paid on completion.

Motion by Treganowan, seconded by Chase, to accept the bid from McMahon Excavating for \$2950 for removal of tank and concrete footings, with half to be paid now, and the rest upon completion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mel will inform Doug Pascoe(DEQ) of our plans.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

Strategic planning – will be tabled until the board has a chance to look at workshops about strategic planning.

Painting of Bridge – Jim was approached about having work-release prisoners do work; they could possibly do bridge painting. Still in discussion about how it would all work. There is a cost involved.

**.NEW BUSINESS –**

**CLERK** – Would like to attend the June district meeting

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT** - There may be money available for dam removal; run off has caused a lot of damage to Garden City Road and M-26.

**FLOOR COMMENTS** – Mel called a tree service in Dollar Bay, and they want to coordinate taking down trees in the cemetery. Jim wants to have Jim Kumpala do the cemetery work, rather than the place in Dollar Bay. Jack suggested Asplund as they are in the area doing trees.

Elaine Hall announced that the museum will open on Wed, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mel announced that the Keweenaw County Historical Society received \$1000 from the heritage grant. He is still waiting for word from another foundation.

Carol suggested moving the dumpster to the area across from the sheriff's garage.

Confirm date for next meeting – Monday, June 16, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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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 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2014.

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Carol Jones, Clerk  
Houghton Township