

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
Monday, November 21st, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Ray Chase called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ray Chase, Treasurer Mary Long, Trustee Tom Hall, Trustee Steve Kline

ABSENT: Clerk Marjie Marshall

AGENDA ADDITIONS/APPROVAL: Motion by Steve, seconded by Tom, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- Motion by Tom, seconded by Ray, to approve minutes of October 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Steve, seconded by Tom, to accept Treasures Report. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Mary, seconded by Steve, to approve Payment of Bills. Motion passed unanimously via roll call.
 - General Fund: Check #5665 to Verizon for \$25.68, #5666 to US Treasury for \$1264.81, #5667 to UPPCO for 202.4, #5668 to UPPCO for \$485.42, #5669 to Mining Gazette for \$110.88, #5670 to Postmaster for \$120.00, #5671 to Carol Jones for \$505.23, #5672 to Dave Schumacher for \$200.86, #5673 to Mary long for \$570.98, #5674 to Ray Chase for \$387.87, #5675 to Sara Huuki for \$369.40, #5676 to Tom Hall for \$78.49, #5677 to Steve Kline for \$270.50, #5678 to Linda Kline for \$192.00, #5679 to Election Source for \$400.00, #5680 to Marjie Marshall for \$780.44, #5681 to Jim Huovinen for \$12.00, #5682 to Steve Kline for \$864.46, A/P to Waste Management for \$225.96 (Total \$7,067.02)
 - Water Fund: Check ##1690 to UPPCO for \$103.90+#1691 to Whitewater for \$40.00, #1692 to US Treasury for \$119.72, #1693 to State of Michigan for \$760.97, #1694 to Mel Jones for \$295.52, #1695 to Mary Long for \$58.87 (Total \$1,378.98)
 - Cemetery Fund: Check #1162 to US Treasury for \$95.24. (Total \$95.24)
 - Bridge Fund: No activity
 - Park Fund: No Activity
 - For a Final Total of \$8,541.24

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

- Motion by Steve, seconded by Tom, to increase the Water Fund License and Registration line item by \$76.00. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by Mary, seconded by Ray, to accept Mark McEvers' letter of resignation received via drop box on 11/3/22. Motion passed unanimously.
- Veteran Banners: Tom Hall spoke with the organization responsible for coordinating Veteran banners in their home town. The banners will have the Veteran's picture on them and are sponsored by the Veteran's family. The Township's responsibility will be to hang them up in June, take them down in August, and store them. The banners are hung from light poles with possible locations being Front Street, in front of the Veteran's home, and the Park. Tom will look into permission from UPPCO and check to see which poles are available.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **Assessing – Sara Huuki:** Nothing to report.
- **Water Department – Mel Jones:** All shut offs are complete. The Capital Improvement Plan will be completed in order to apply for the Grant.
- **Cemetery/Committee – Marjie Marshall:** Nothing to report.
- **Elections – Marjie Marshall:** We had a successful election on November 8th with a great turnout from the voters. I could not have done it without Carol, Linda, and Steve. I can't stress how grateful I am for their help.

- **General Maintenance – Dave Schumacher:** No report.
- **Parks – Dan Steck:**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave Schumacher asked if the dry hydrant is County or Township responsibility because it was damaged by someone who came in to check it. Ray advised that we share responsibility for it and that he will talk to Pische at the County and contact the excavator to pay for the damage.

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Next regular meeting – December 19th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Marjie Marshall, Clerk

Houghton Township

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Marjie Marshall, the appointed 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 September, 2022.

Marjie Marshall, Clerk, Houghton Township