

GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held at the Grant Township Hall

230 Gratiot Street

Copper Harbor, Michigan 49918

Minutes for Tuesday, October 11th, 2011

Call to Order

Supervisor Ken Stigers called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Supervisor Ken Stigers, Treasurer Karen Karl, Clerk Kelly Coltas, Trustees Art Davis and Trustee Ned Huwatschek.

- Motion to adopt Agenda put forth by Kelly/Huwatschek, all were in favor 5-0 motion carried.
- Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of 09/13/11, and work session of 09/08/11, put forth by Coltas/Davis, all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor's Remarks

Meeting was held last Thursday for the upcoming Copper Dog 150. They (the committee) would like permission to use the Township property again. The proposed start would be on 3rd Street and up through Wescoats property along the old snowmobile Trail. There will be a crossing and staging down on the main road. Permission from the property owners still needs to be approved.

Monthly Reports

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to accept Treasurers report as given, put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek. All were in favor and motion carried 5-0.

Utility Board

Revenues are down this year but still within budget. One half of people with delinquent bill have caught up and only a few will have to go onto tax rolls.

DDA

The DDA has been approached by the playground equipment committee for matching funds for the proposed playground project. The amount they are hoping for will be about \$65,000. They are hoping to raise the match by next year and start the new playground by 2013.

Hunter's Point

Rocks have been placed in the Hunter's Point bike trail west of the Marina Road, at North Coast Shores Road and along M-26 to close the bike trail to vehicular traffic. After this was done we were informed that the Sewer Department needs access to the three manholes along the bike trail for maintenance. After consulting with Mr. Harrer and the Keweenaw County Road Commission it was decided that a gate in the west opening along M-26 would be appropriate. I am in the process of getting estimates for the construction and installation of the

gate. Mr. Harrer suggests that the Sewer budget could take the cost of the gate and installation as they are the ones who asked for the gate.

Mr. Powers met with Steve DeFore and Chris Cronenworth of the Keweenaw County Road Commission on October 5th, 2011 to discuss 2012 road and trail maintenance issues for Hunter's Point. I will be provided with budget estimates for additional topping on Harbor Coast Lane and the Hunter's Point Parking Lot and topping on the Phase 1 Bike trail if necessary.

Mr. Powers will also be provided with an estimate for the construction of the Phase 2 bike trail. It is planned that the trail run east from North Coast Shores Road along an undeveloped road to a point approximately 150 ft. west of the intersection with harbor Coast Lane. From there it will drop south into the woods and run parallel with harbor Coast Lane to the Hunter's Point Parking lot. As soon as these estimates have been received and reviewed with the Grant Township Board I will ask the DDA for their support.

Legislation being considered in Lansing which would prohibit Public Employees from competing with private sector may have a negative impact on Phase 2 construction.

Aaron Rogers has completed the installation of approximately 100 ft. of boardwalk along the South Shore Trail opposite the Copper Harbor Marina. Chip Sestock has lined the trail near the viewing deck with rocks to better define the trail.

Sam Raymond has been asked to brush the Hunter's Point trail system this fall. The trails at the east end of the point and the west end of the South Coast Shore trail are particularly in need of maintenance.

Mr. Dave Jukuri confirmed the owners are planning on black topping a portion of the Hunter's Point road system next spring.

- Motion to adopt Resolution #23-2011. Resolution to recognize outstanding service and adopt the name "The Richard and Sharon Powers Point Trail" for the Fort Wilkins to Hunter's Point Trail. The motion was put forth by Coltas/Karl and a poll of the Board was done. Ken Stigers – Yes, Karen Karl – Yes, Kelly Coltas – Yes, Art Davis – Yes, Ned Huwatschek – Yes. All were in favor with 5 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried and Resolution # 23-2011 Adopted

911

No September meeting.

Public Safety

CH Fire Dept.:

The regular monthly meeting of the CHFD was held on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011 with 7 members present. Items discussed: Chris O'Callaghan contacted the fire Department regarding joining the department. A motion was made and supported to have Chris join the Dept. and all approved.

The foam systems were exercised on the trucks and 1 inch hose was repacked into truck #4 and #1 from using it on the power line brush fire.

Extrication pump and Equipment was also run.

At the min month meeting for September was held on September 21st, 2011 with 8 members present. Two Junk cars were delivered for and extrication practice, that was the 4 month training exercise.

There was 2 Medical assist with the medical 1st Responders.

There was 1 page for lines down during the wind storm mid-September.

There was 1 fire page out for a brush fire on the power line out for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

There were 2 cancelled pages for incidents in the Lac La Belle area.

LLB Fire Dept.:

No Report

Old Business

The Reassessor Mr. Erhart is doing mapping in the Copper Harbor area, he will need to purchase the Apex mapping system to assist in the reassessing project. It would belong to the Township and be located at the Township hall.

Compactor in Lac La Belle is doing well, so far.

Old Fire Hall in Lac La Belle is gone! It has been successfully removed and the site cleaned up and planted. The cost was \$3,200.00 with \$1,000.00 coming from trading the old fire truck that was in the hall.

New Business

We now have a Sewer Treatment Plant lease agreement with the State. The lease will cover the next 10 years.

- Motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the Sewer Treatment Plant Lease agreement between the State and the Township of Grant. Put forth by Coltas/Huwatschek, all were in favor motion carried 5-0.

The Sewer Plant needs access along the new Powers Point Trail for maintenance of the Sewer manholes located there. There is a road way off M-26, where the large stones were just placed. The Stones will be replaced with a gate. Several bids were submitted and the Board went with the most maintenance free gate.

- Motion to approve the purchase and installation of a gate by JCS Inc. of Baraga with a total cost of \$1981.00, put forth by Coltas/Karl and all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

No Comments

- Motion to pay audited bills for October in the amount of \$24,704.73 and adjourn Kelly/Karl all were in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Ken Stigers
Grant Township Supervisor

Kelly Coltas
Grant Township Clerk