

Charter Township of Portage
Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2017
Township Hall
47240 Green Acres Road
Houghton, MI 49931
(906) 482-4310

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Clerk Heidi P Riutta, Treasurer Carol Little, Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, William Fink, John Ollila.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion Made by John Ollila to accept the agenda with additions, Peggy Anderson seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by John Ollila, supported by Bill Fink, to approve the February 13th, 2016 Board meeting minutes with corrections, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Peggy Anderson to approve this month's bills audited prior to the board meeting, seconded by Heidi Riutta, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Clerk spoke about Elections coming up. Gave Finance report for bills.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report given.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Handed out report.

Fire Departments Report: HTFD - Marty Raffaelli - 4 Jaws; OLFD - Ted Soldan here - 1 EMS Run

Assessor's Report: No report submitted.

Public Comments:

Aramark is getting costly. Supposed to be getting back to me. Change to 2 times a month only or once a month.

Gazette bill.... too high, why all the wordage? Check with MTA what needs to be in paper.

Rural Development – we pay ad and they will pay us back, keep folder

Sign up for trainings – If you commit and cannot attend you need to call office ASAP to try to cancel to get our money back.

Motion made by Carol Little to pay all unemployment out of General Fund, seconded by Bill Bingham, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Correspondence:

Michigan Rural Water Association, email, UPEA, projects, American Welding & Gas moved, Craig Solomon letter, Ted Soldan

Old Business:

- A) Green Acres Road sewer and Dodgeville/Hurontown Sewer Infiltration. Motion made by Bill Bingham to put in drawing for a T for sewer – septic system, seconded by John Ollila, all voted in favor, motion passed.
Correction progress – Joint Application to USDA – RD. Grant Submittal
- B) Copy machine – Delivery/setup working great.

- C) Ordinance 134 – Dangerous Buildings second posting/reading. Motion made by Bill Bingham to approve Ordinance 134, seconded by Bill Fink, all voted in favor, motion passed.
- D) DNR 2017 Passport Grant Info. – grant for Hurontown Soccer field update. Motion made by Bill Bingham to approve passport grant, seconded by Bill Fink, all voted in favor, motion passed.
- E) 2016 DNR Passport grant project agreement – Dodgeville rink bathrooms.
- F) Recreation grant successful submittal to DNR. Motion made by John Ollila to adopt new 5year Recreation Plan, seconded by Bill Fink, all voted in favor, motion passed.
- G) Open MTA

New Business:

- A) Adams Township water rate increase
- B) MIOSHA training, Chuck attended

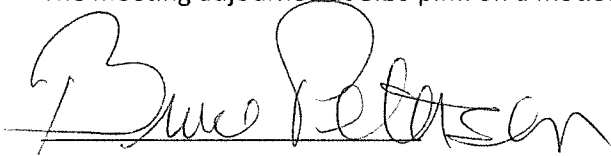
Committee Meetings and Updates:

- A) Rec plan public hearing and board meeting – February 27, 2017
- B) Board of Review organizational meeting – March 7, 2017
- C) Pastors/Ministers & CCSA grant review meeting – March 7, 2017
- D) Medical Marijuana workshop – March 3, 2017 MQT township hall
- E) DPW & Zane Hyrkas (OHM) Power Sports – February 2, 2017

Other Business:

Public Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Peggy Anderson, seconded by Carol Little.



Supervisor, Bruce Petersen



Clerk, Heidi P Riutta