

Charter Township of Portage
Regular Board Meeting
May 8, 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, John Ollila, Bill Fink.

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 Peggy Anderson, to approve the April 10, 2017 Board meeting minutes, 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 John Ollila, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Spoke about School Election results.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report given. Motion made by John Ollila for Carol to go to Michigan Municipal Treasurers Class, June 16th, Friday, seconded by Bill Bingham, all in favor, motion passed.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Handed out report. John Ollila and Bill Bingham spoke about application to renew tiny house, and building permits.

Fire Departments Report: HTFD - Marty Raffaelli – 3 Jaws of Life, 0 Fires; OLFD - Ted Soldan here – 3 Fires

Assessor's Report: Written report submitted. Needs a new computer. The state law indicates there shall always be a copy in the office of all properties. Right now, there is no paper trail. Get prices for rebuilding her computer, laptop, and desk tops. Get pricing on two, one for the assessor and one for the treasurer.

Public Comments: Summit is now closed. Should look at another company to take over that is available all the time not limited hours. Check with Up & Running and others that can fabricate what we need.

Linda Rulison spoke about their road being oiled, last year they paid \$500.00 to get the road oiled themselves. With the logging trucks this year already, the dust is bad. Look into writing a letter to the county to oil roads or monitor the logging trucks or some other option.

Correspondence: MTA Insights, Miss Dig 811, UPPCO Tree Pruning, Diane Koskela email, Charter Communications, DEQ

Old Business:

- A) Green Acres Road sewer and Dodgeville/Hurontown Sewer Infiltration. Correction progress – Joint Application to USDA – RD. Grant Submittal – Motion to accept proposal of \$5800.00 from UP Engineering made by Bill Fink, seconded by John Ollila, all in favor, motion passed.
- B) Automated Water Meters – DPW staff will read from the street
- C) Recreation trail authority formation
- D) MIOSHA Training – Excavations – DPW and Cemetery staff attended.

New Business:

- A) Water line extension down White Pine Lane for new house construction.
- B) Medical marijuana facility ordinance survey – Planning Committee to review
- C) Street light request at the corner of Sharon Ave. and Madeline Dr. – Board turned down
- D) Hurontown Soccer Fields Vandalism – gate and bollards would prevent.
- E) Charter Communications Franchise Fee Agreement – 3% presently.
- F) Dorvinen – Out of work until May 17th for surgery.

Committee Meetings and Updates:

- A) Met with Dave Mattson & Dan Dalquist – Recreation trail authority – 4/25/17
- B) Planning Commission Meeting – 4/13/17

Other Business:

Public Comments:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Carol Little, seconded by Peggy Anderson.



Supervisor, Bruce Petersen

Clerk, Heidi P Riutta