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Charter Township of Portage  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 October 14, 2013  
 Township Office  
 47240 Green Acres Rd  
 Houghton, MI 49931  
 (906) 482-4310

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen  
 Trustees Andrew Kemper, Peggy Anderson, John Ollila, Bill Bingham and Clerk Jamie Solka  
 Absent: Treasurer Carol Little

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion Made by John Ollila to amend the agenda, seconded by Jamie Solka, all voted in favor, motion carried.

**Additions include:**

1. Meeting with Eric Waara – Master Plan – Unfinished Business
2. Prosperity Zone WUPPDR – Other Business
3. Dodgeville Alley Trees – Other Business
4. Master Plan of Review 7:00p.m. & Board of Review Meeting 4:00 p.m. Oct 23 – Committee/Meetings & Updates

Motion made by John Ollila, second by Bill Bingham to approve meeting minutes from September 9, 2013 General meeting and September 19, 2013 Special meeting with corrections – all voting yes.  
 Motion carried.

The Bills were approved as presented at the meeting, a motion by Bill Bingham second by Andrew Kemper. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Report handed out to all board members.

Treasurer's report – Report handed out to all board members.

Zoning Administrator's report – Read by Supervisor Bruce Petersen

HTFD – Reported by Marty Raffaelli – Nothing to report

Assessor's report – All have copies

**Correspondence:**

- A. E-mail Stimac Drainage
- B. Drain Commission – Special Assessment Boundaries \* For Otter Lake Land Owners
- C. Mary Chopp Sign for Compression Braking on M-26

**Public Comments:**

1. Sign for No Jake Breaking is on the wrong side of Green Acres Road. Supervisor Bruce Petersen will contact Kevin Harju to move the sign.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A) Manhole Damage/Treatment Costs – Nick Daavettila sent another letter to Auto Owners Insurance to let them know we have 3 years from the date of the damage to make a claim, we will be getting back to them as soon as we have the pertinent information as Nick suggested we wait one more year to have a seasonal cycle of runoff. PAAR Plan Claim # 166357 – Matt Emery was here on October 1, 2013 to discussed with Bruce Petersen if Portage Townships Insurance will cover the claim.
- B) Hydrosphere Inspection/Liquid Engineering – Portage Township and City of Houghton water tank will be done in April/May 2014. Saving \$800.00 to combine the inspection with City of Houghton
- C) OpusWeb.com – Website will be up and running October 18, 2013, Summit Computers is working on Portage e-mail domain, presently controlled by Charter Communications
- D) Directional Drilling – It is Portage Township obligation to get water to the new home owner – within reason. MJO is going to put 2" pipe under the road so home owner can hook into Portage Water.
- E) John Ollila met with Eric Waara to correct some grammatical errors on the Master plan.
- F) Debbie Bradford went over the 2012 Audit

**New Business:**

- A) Budget for 2014 handout was given to all board members to review.

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- B) Moyle V.V.Q. Additional hours Request Granted – ~~Consent Judgment Meeting~~
- C) Need another P.L. Library Representative for Jeannine Blough – Gone for winter  
John Ollila had a recommendation for the Library Representative; he was going to contact him
- C) MIOSHA Review on September 24, 2013 – Supervisor Bruce Petersen was given 2 pages to correct some issues, Township will be charged a fee

**Committee Meeting:**

- A) Chassell to Houghton trail –September 11, 2013 – 79 people attended
- B) Sewer and Water Committee Meeting – October 1, 2013
- C) WUPPDR Annual Meeting – Ironwood 9-29-13

Quarry Committee

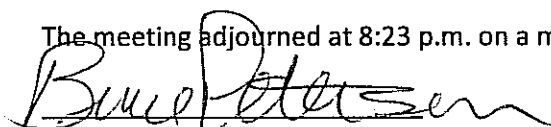
- D) ~~Consent judgment~~ Special Committee Meeting – September 24, 2013 VVQ
- E) Special Budget Meeting – October 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.
- F) October 23, 2013 - Board of Review Meeting 4:00 p.m. & Master Plan of Review 7:00p.m.

**Other Business:**

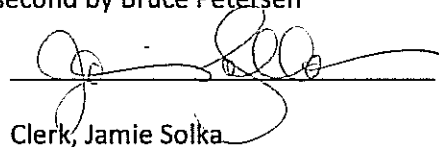
- A) Motion made by John Ollila, second by Bill Bingham to approve resolution in support of WUPPDR & Development region Commission as the grant applicant on behalf of the Western UP Michigan Prosperity Region, all voting in favor. Resolution passed.
- B) Dave Young wants trees in Dodgeville Alley removed.

Attendance: Sheldon & Ede Narhi, Mark Kemppainen

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. on a motion by John Ollila second by Bruce Petersen



Supervisor, Bruce Petersen



Clerk, Jamie Solka

\*Amended