

~~Draft~~ Approved
 Charter Township of Portage
 Regular Board Meeting
 November 11, 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 Treasurer Carol Little
 Trustees Peggy Anderson, John Ollila, Bill Bingham and Clerk Jamie Solka
 Absent: Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Trustee Andrew Kemper

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion Made by Jamie Solka to Appoint Carol Little to conduct meeting, seconded by John Ollila, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Additions include:

1. Correspondence:
2. Money to Hurontown Fire Department – Other Business
3. Sign Superior Road – Other Business
4. MJO – Additional ordinance – Other Business

Motion made by John Ollila, second by Bill Bingham to approve meeting minutes from October 14, 2013 General meeting and October 29, 2013 Budget Special meeting with corrections – all voting yes. Motion carried.

The Bills were approved as presented at the meeting with an addition for the MIOSHA inspection in the amount of \$1025.00, a motion by Carol Little second by Peggy Anderson. 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. Tax bills will also be going out before the first of December

Zoning Administrator's report – No Report - Bill Bingham made a motion that ^{starting} ~~starting~~ December 2013 approved applications plus corresponding County building permits Zoning all Administrators ^{starting} ~~Signed-off records~~ be kept at Portage Township Office, seconded by Carol Little, all voting in favor – Motion carried

HTFD – Reported by Marty Raffaelli – 1 Fire call, 2 Jaws calls. What information do we need for new Fire Department members: Need Drivers Licenses and Social Security Number

Assessor's report – All have copies.

Public Comments:

None

Correspondence:

- A. Nick Daavettila's response to Tom Moyle VVQ tour Conducted on October 8, 2013 - letter handed out
- B. DEQ Permit
- C. Permit , Department of Licensing – Uniform Video Services
- D. Congratulation from Hannula Agency on a safe work year (no accidents) – Dividend check for \$1200.00
- E. OpusWeb sent a Thank you - for our business. He has been using our Website for presentation to Calumet Township
- F. Approved donation of \$300.00 to Hurontown Fire & Rescue for the Christmas Party.

Unfinished Business:

- A) Portage Township Website is up and running – Went online on October 18, 2013
- B) Budget
- C) Master Plan Acceptance – Tabled
- D) David Wong – interested in paying to get water hooked up to his house
- E) MIOSHA – Inspection costs - \$1025.00

New Business:

- A) Bruce Petersen wants to recommend Bill Fink to our Board of Review, second by Carol Little all voting in favor. Recommendation passed

Committee Meeting:


- A) Chassell to Houghton trail Recreation Committee Meeting – November 4, 2013 - MI DNR has set aside \$50,000.00 to address; a few culvert replacements, brushing and spot graveling. By close of meeting the group thought it best to approach the adjacent land owners to the trail to see if they would like to use the existing money as a local match to pursue more money from the DNR's Natural Resources Trust Fund, which would result in a larger project.
- B) Master Plan Hearing & Planning Commission Meeting – Oct. 23, 2013 – Peggy Anderson stated that Township members are concerned with the issue if homeowners are hooking up to the Township water line they will be made to hook up as well – Water line is mentioned in Master Plan – Board Members All need copies to review
- C) Zoning Board of Appeals – Gave the ok for Festival Foods to put carwash in
- D) Houghton Country Planning Commission – Bruce Petersen discussed a Fruit Site Inventory
- E) 2014 Budget Review Workshop – Oct 29, 2013

Other Business:

- A) Steve Kallungi called to request a bus warning sign on Green Acres Road by Hupp's Pups, we need to notify Kevin Harju and request a sign

Attendance:

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. on a motion by John Ollila second by Bill Bingham



Supervisor, Bruce Petersen



Clerk, Jamie Solka