

Charter Township of Portage
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
August 11, 2022
47240 Green Acres Road
Houghton, MI 49931
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The Charter Township of Portage held a Special Board of Trustees Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at the Township office.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bruce Petersen at 3:00 PM

In attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Clerk Amy Skewes, Treasurer Betsy Smith and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, Bill Fink, and John Ollila as stated by roll call.

Discussion Items:

1. Discuss Cemetery issues:

The board discussed issues at the cemetery, after going over the proposed new rate sheet from Bill Fink, Smith made a motion to accept the new proposed changes, seconded by Petersen. Motion was carried by a roll call vote. Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: None

It was agreed that the cemetery would adjust its working hours to include working 4 hours every Saturday, to be available to the public for water usage and to eliminate any overtime.

A motion was made by Fink to create an account to accept and track donations for operations and improvements of the cemetery, Seconded by Ollila. Motion was carried by a roll call vote. Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: none

Public comments: Several residents of Green Acres Road voiced concerns about the sewer project and the fact that it is illegal to close the whole road and that no fire trucks or emergency vehicles are able to access individual homes. Bruce stated that he would talk to UPEA as well as the contractor and voice the concerns that there must be some access to homes during construction.

Residents had complaints of the condition of the cemetery, no grass and no access to water

Public Present:

John Hanner

Heidi Ek

Leslie Manderfield

Janet Hanner

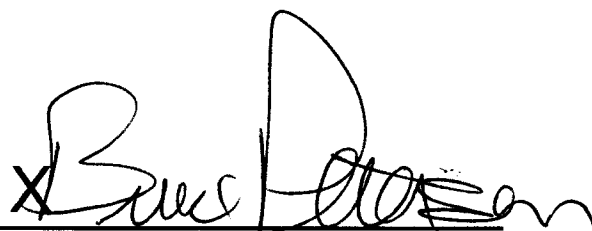
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David Wisti

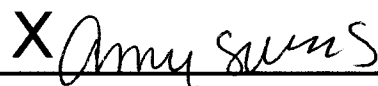
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Other residents of Portage Township

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M

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Bruce Petersen
Supervisor

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Amy Skewes
Clerk