

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EAGLE HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD
February 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Probst called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01PM

Supervisor Probst led the Township Board and those in attendance and on zoom in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Probst, Clerk Olson, Trustee Schaefer, Trustee Holden and Treasurer Asselin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL:

Motion by Clerk Olson **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to approve the agenda with CD's, Banking, and Water Department request added to New Business **Vote:** Unanimous **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

☐ None

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- ☐ Approve Minutes of January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting
- ☐ Accept Treasurers Report
- ☐ Approve Payment of Bills:
 - General Fund - \$14,299.46
 - Water Fund -\$5,603.19
 - Solid Waste Fund - \$3,235.12
 - Emergency Services - \$8,314.22
 - For a final Total of \$31,451.99

Motion by Treasurer Schaefer **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to approve the Consent Agenda **Vote:** Unanimous **Motion Carried**

SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- ☐ Bridgefest is returning for 2023 and they are looking for monetary support. If interested in donating please contact Rich.
- ☐ DNR is looking to purchase approximately 10,000 acres of the newly acquired land from the Keweenaw Heartland Project (The Nature Conservancy)
- ☐ MDOT and Davis Construction had a pre-meeting regarding the Silver River Bridge construction project. Project is slated to start at the end of April and at least one lane will be open for traffic by the end of June.

- ☐ Gogebic County Municipal Forest is talking to the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners at 6:30PM on Wednesday February 15th at the Keweenaw County Court House.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- ☐ **Assessing** - Rich Probst-BOR training last week. 2023 assessment roll is near completion and notices will go out in the mail by end of February. BOR appeals committee will meet March 13, 2023 from 9am-3pm and March 15, 2023 from 3pm-9pm
- ☐ **Cemetery Sexton** –Jon Bowles – No Report
- ☐ **Elections** - Jeane Olson – No Report
- ☐ **Emergency Medical Responders** – Mary Ann Hohner – One meeting and one run this month.
Motion by Treasurer Asselin **Second** by Trustee Schaefer to approve spending up to \$1400.00 for necessary gloves for the first responders to use if dealing with electric car evacuations **Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**
- ☐ **General Maintenance Department** - Marlin Wingard – Solid Waste Building construction project near completion.
- ☐ **Grounds Maintenance** – Brad Black – No Report
- ☐ **Planning Commission** – Laura Bonde – No Report
- ☐ **Solid Waste Department** – Jon Bowles – No Report
- ☐ **Tax Department** - Patty Asselin – Taxes due Tuesday February 14th. There are 10 summer bills outstanding and 110 winter bills. Will accept mail that is postmarked for February 14, 2023.
- ☐ **Volunteer Fire Department** – Mike Radigan/Bryce Holden –Two meetings with 7 and 8 members present. Put the new water pump on engine 1. Discussed the procedures that will be in place when the Silver River Bridge is closed. Copper Harbor Fire Department is aware of the bridge being closed and plans are underway for any mutual aid that is needed should a situation arise. A large screen TV was purchased for the fire hall and will be mounted in the meeting room. Wild land gear is needed and sizes have been taken so an order can be made as soon as the expenditure is approved. There is a new member of the VFD, Jay Sprietzer, and he will be taking the necessary training as soon as it is available. Richard Probst III attended training on firefighting during an electric car accident and gave a report. All engines were started and run.
- ☐ **Water Department** - Marlin Wingard – Four meters will be installed to check the cell coverage for new meter reading technology. New UPS unit installed at the well house. One will be installed at the reserve.
- ☐ **Zoning Administrator** – Marjie Marshall – Report will be given during New Business
- ☐ **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Jean Ellis – No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ☐ **Parks & Recreation Committee** – Rich Probst Jr– No Report
- ☐ **Beach Committee** – Jim Boggio/Doug Slowik – No Report
- ☐ **Park Committee** – Bryce Holden – Met in January and are still working on Ski Trial easements. Next Meeting is March 21, 2023 at 11am
- ☐ **Recreation Committee** – Barb Sickler – No Report
- ☐ **Solid Waste Committee** – Jon Bowles –No Report
- ☐ **Eagle Harbor Marina Committee** – Rich Probst – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ☐ **Consider Allowing Rental of facilities for non-residents without a resident sponsor- Motion** by Treasurer Asselin **Second** by Trustee Holden to leave the rental contract as is, continuing to require non taxpayers to have a taxpayer sponsor and increasing the rental to \$175 per day but leaving the \$250 deposit as is. Also changing wording in the contract to say: taxpayer or non taxpayer, removing resident or nonresident **Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

- ☐ **Set Budget Hearing** – Budget Hearing set for Monday March 13, 2023 @6:45PM
- ☐ **Fire Department Protective Gear Request – Motion** by Clerk Olson **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to approve up to \$6500.00, which is budgeted for the fiscal 2023-2024 year, for Wildland Jumpsuits for all VFD members **Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**
- ☐ **Fletchys Otter Belly Lodge, LLC and Special Use Permit** – Item tabled pending conversations with Fletchys ownership
- ☐ **Appointments to Board of Review – Motion** by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Trustee Schaefer to appoint Nancy Malloy to the BOR as a regular member for 2023-2024 **Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**
Motion by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Trustee Schaefer to appoint Steve Jarm as an alternate member of the BOR for 2023-2024 **Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**
- ☐ **Street Light Request – Motion** by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Trustee to table item pending a draft policy written by Supervisor Probst for adding and removing a street light **Vote: Motion Carried**
- ☐ **CDs and Banking – Motion** by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Trustee Schaefer to move Savings account CDs from Range Bank to Superior National 11 month CD at 4% **Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**
Motion by Clerk Olson **Second** by Trustee Schaefer to move Range Bank Savings account to Superior National High Yield Savings Account **Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**

- ☐ **Water Department Request – Motion** by Clerk Olson **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to approve up to \$3000.00 for the proposed evaluation of wells 1-3 **Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried**

Public Comment:

Jim Simak wondered if the Marina Project was still ongoing – Yes they are continuing to work through the winter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Olson **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to adjourn **Vote: 5 Yes Motion Carried** Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM

Kelly Probst, Deputy Clerk
Eagle Harbor Township

- CERTIFICATION -

I, the undersigned, Jeane Olson, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on February 13, 2023.

Jeane Olson, Clerk
Eagle Harbor Township