

## *Hancock Township*

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### REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The regular February 12, 2018, meeting of the Hancock Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Paul Kemppainen, with all members present with the exception of Clerk Richard Hauswirth.

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Trustee Moyle and supported by Trustee Racine to accept the Treasurer's January 2018 report with a total fund balance of \$214,874.83 as presented by Treasurer Richards. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Racine and supported by Trustee Moyle to pay the January 2018 bills totaling \$3,503.69. Vouchers 11489 through 11500. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS: Fireman Giacoletto reported there were three fire calls during the month: a snowmobile fire in Quincy Township, a call to a residence in Salo for a carbon monoxide detector activation, and a fire reported one mile east of the Portage Lift Bridge. He also reported there was a flat tire on one of the fire trucks, which has been repaired.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Kemppainen asked if there was any progress in obtaining an invoice from Brighthouse Financial. Deputy Clerk Haischer advised that Brighthouse Financial was contacted and stated the information should be received the week of February 12.

The issue of soundproofing the township hall was discussed. It was moved by Trustee Moyle and supported by Trustee Racine to purchase the sound soak panels from Dollar Bay Linoleum and Tile at a cost of \$1,473.00. MOTION CARRIED.

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### NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Kemppainen reported that KEDA made a presentation at the January 2018 MTA meeting. Mary Sears, Supervisor of Franklin Township, will have a seat on the Board of KEDA.

Supervisor Kemppainen recommended approval of the assessor's contract for the 2017/2018 year. It was moved by Trustee Moyle and supported by Trustee Racine. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Kemppainen presented the Salary Resolutions for the board members (see attached). A motion to approve was made by Trustee Moyle and supported by Trustee Racine. A roll call vote was taken: Richards – yes, Kemppainen – yes, Racine – yes, Moyle – yes. MOTION CARRIED.

The Resolution for Waiver of Penalty and Interest for Untimely Filed Property Transfer Affidavits was discussed. A motion to approve was made by Trustee Moyle and supported by Trustee Racine. A roll call vote was taken: Richards – yes, Kemppainen – yes, Racine – yes, Moyle – yes. MOTION CARRIED.

The Township Board Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test was discussed. Trustee Moyle made a recommendation to approve and was supported by Treasurer Richards. A roll call vote was taken: Richards – yes, Kemppainen – yes, Racine – yes, Moyle – yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Kemppainen advised that the notice for the March Board of Review has been posted.

He reported that the next MTA meeting will be held February 21. The Houghton County Road Commission will make a presentation.

Copies of the proposed 2018/2019 budget were provided, and members were asked to contact Supervisor Kemppainen for input or changes.

Treasurer Richards reported that 96.5 percent of the summer taxes have been paid; tax payments have not been paid on 17 parcels. Winter taxes have been paid on 62 percent of the parcels with 197 unpaid to date.

The 2018/2019 township insurance policy was discussed, and Deputy Clerk Haischer was advised to request a policy for 2018/2019 with the same coverage as the current year. She will contact the Hannula Agency to advise them of same.

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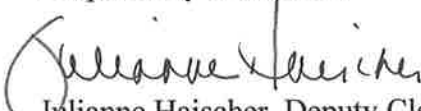
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Tom Tikkanen, member of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners, provided an update on the proposed expansion of the Houghton County Jail; advised that two lots owned by the County at the fairgrounds may be sold to the Houghton County Fair Board; and informed the Board that a lawsuit is being filed against the pharmaceutical industry to recoup costs by local units of government due to the opioid crisis, and counties have been advised to retain counsel if they wish to receive a part of any settlement. He also advised that the Houghton County Department of Veterans Affairs will be requesting an increase in millage from 1/10 mill to 15/100 mill to support their program. The existing millage will expire at the end of this year.

Dana Richter advised that the master plan for the Planning Commission has no changes.

With no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Moyle to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Julianne Haischer, Deputy Clerk

  
Paul Kemppainen, Supervisor