

## *Hancock Township*

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### REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2018

The regular January 8, 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 as amended.

It was moved by Trustee Moyle and supported by Trustee Racine to accept the Treasurer's December 2017 report with a total fund balance of \$196,563.12 as presented by Treasurer Richards. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Racine and supported by Trustee Moyle to pay the December 2017 bills totaling \$5,144.14. Vouchers 11475 through 11488. MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS: Fireman Giacoletto reported there were two fire calls during the month: one to the Houghton County Memorial Airport for a report of smoke in an airplane's cargo and a second for a report of smoke from the Quincy Mine Hoist which was actually steam. He also reported the fire equipment is in good order. He asked what the fire hall's capacity is and was advised that it is 50 people.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Kemppainen asked if there was any progress in obtaining an invoice from Brighthouse Financial. Deputy Clerk Haischer advised that as of the meeting, the township has not received an invoice, and if not received within the next week or so, she will contact Brighthouse Financial to try to resolve this issue.

Treasurer Richards advised that he had received two estimates for sound proofing the township hall. The first was for 30-inch sound soak wall panels to be placed on two walls at a cost of \$1,473.00. The second was for 2' x 2' ceiling panels where the lights would clip onto the panels. The estimated cost is \$3,734.00. Supervisor Kemppainen moved to table this issue until the February meeting.

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### NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Kemppainen advised that the next Board of Review will be held in March 2018.

He advised that the next MTA meeting will be held January 31, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. and participants will have group discussions on mutual township issues.

Supervisor Kemppainen has begun work on the annual budget. A preliminary report was provided, but additional information is needed before finalizing and approval at the March meeting. He recommended that the assessor's contract be extended for another year.

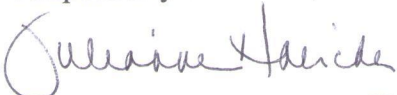
Treasurer Richards reported that summer taxes on 17 parcels and winter taxes on 313 parcels have not yet been paid. Three parcels are in foreclosure.

Treasurer Richards advised that a letter sent by the CCISD indicating a change in the date of their tax collections was sent in error, so there will be no change.

Tom Tikkanen, the district's commissioner on the Houghton County Board, was in attendance at the meeting and advised that UP Engineers has been hired to study the jail expansion proposal. They will hold public meetings and will have a website whereby tax payers can input their information to determine the effect on their property taxes if the proposal is approved by voters.

With no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Moyle to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julianne Haischer, Deputy Clerk



Paul Kemppainen, Supervisor