

Cities of Hancock & Houghton
Joint Council Meeting
April 23, 2015
5:30 p.m.
Agenda as posted:

**AGENDA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HANCOCK CITY COUNCIL**

WHERE: Carnegie Museum
105 Huron St. (lower level)
Houghton , MI 49931

TIME: 5:30 p.m.
(pizza and pop will be available)

Meeting is called to order by Mayor Robert Backon and Mayor Lisa McKenzie

Address the Flag.

AGENDA AS POSTED!

1. Receive an Update on the MDOT Portage Lake Lift Bridge rehab project from Jeff Barsh, PE.- Ishpeming TSC
2. Receive a presentation from Marilyn Clark, CEO, MTEC SmartZone, on recent activities.
3. Consider approval of PLWSA 2015 refunding Contract.
4. Review proposal 15-1 schedule for the May 5th election on increasing road funding in the State.

- Houghton Mayor Robert Backon called this special joint meeting of the Cities of Hancock and Houghton Councils to order on Wednesday, April 23, 2015 in the Carnegie Museum (lower level) at 5:30 p.m.

The Houghton Councilors present: Mayor Robert Backon, Robert Megowen, Craig Kurtz, Mike Needham, Rachael Lankton, Gernot Joachim and Dan Salo.

- Hancock Councilors present: Hancock Councilors John Slivon, Ted Belej, Lisa McKenzie, Kevin Hodur, Joe Bauman and Mary Tuisku (late).
Absent: Councilor Ron Blau

Also present: Hancock Manager Glenn Anderson, Hancock City Clerk Karen Haischer, Hancock Police Chief Wayne Butler, Houghton Manager Erick Waara, Houghton City Clerk Ann Vollwrath Houghton Treasurer Jodi Reynolds, members of the media and guests.

Manager Anderson introduced Chief Butler who gave an update on the Peace Officers memorial, May 15, 2015.

Jeff Barsh gave an update to both Councils regarding the 2014-2016 MDOT Bridge Project.

-Winter work included cables, chains, mechanical upgrades, electrical and lift motors.

-April 15-December 15

Concrete steel rehab, deck repairs, spot painting, led lights, cameras, warning gates and barriers

Expect one lane closures in each direction.

June-15 to December 15

Expect single lane closures

September 15 –December 15

Expect one side lane closures and running two-way traffic.

Open for Boats on demand

Winter 15-16

Electrical rehab and final testing and balancing.
Spring 2016 – Completed

Marilyn Clark CEO, SmartZone
Gave a brief history of the Hancock/Houghton SmartZone
Marquette Satellite update.
Will have to extend the Hancock/Houghton SmartZone to 2033.

City of Houghton made a motion to pass Resolution 2015-1530 “Resolution Approving
PLWSA 2015 Refunding Contract.
-Passed by the City of Houghton

Moved by Councilor Hodur and seconded by Councilor Belej approving City of Hancock
Resolution #3-2015 “RESOLUTION APPROVING PORTAGE LAKE WATER AND
SEWAGE AUTHORITY 2015 REFUNDING CONTRACT” (copy on file)

A Resolution to provide for:

-Net Present Value Savings through issuance by PLWSA of bonds to refund outstanding
bonds.

-Refunding Contract with Authority and the City of Houghton in which each City agrees to
pay its share of the costs of debt service.

-Cooperate in preparation of official statement, continuing disclosure and other matters
necessary for the bonds.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Councilors Tuisku, Bauman, Hodur, McKenzie, Belej and Slivon

No: None

Absent: Councilor Blau

Motion Carried.

Hancock Manager Glenn Anderson gave a summary of Proposal 1 and the effects on Act 51,
gas tax, schools, transportation and transit.

Moved by Houghton Councilor Megowen and seconded by Hancock Councilor Belej that
this joint meeting of the Hancock and Houghton Councils be adjourned. Time: 6:45 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk

This meeting was properly advertised and all Councilors were notified.