

Cities of Hancock & Houghton
Joint Council Meeting
April 19, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Agenda as posted:

**AGENDA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HANCOCK CITY COUNCIL**

WHERE: Lakeview Manor Community Room
1401 W. Quincy Street
Hancock, MI 49930

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

Meeting is called to order by Mayor Lisa McKenzie and Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Megowen.

Address the Flag.

AGENDA AS POSTED!

1. Review Solid Waste RFP's.
2. January 1, 2017 Gas Tax Increase.
3. State Revenue Sharing Trends.
4. Review MDOT Downtown Hancock Streetscape Project.
5. Update on Houghton Skate Park Project.

- Houghton Mayor Lisa McKenzie called this special joint meeting of the Cities of Hancock and Houghton Councils to order on Wednesday, April 19, 2016, Lakeview Manor Community Room at 5:30 p.m.

- Hancock Councilors present: Hancock Councilors Ted Belej, Lisa McKenzie, Gregory Markkanen, Joe Bauman, Ron Blau and Mary Tuisku.
Absent: Councilor John Slivon

-Houghton Councilors present: Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Megowen, Craig Kurtz, Mike Needham, Rachael Lankton, John Sullivan and Dan Salo.
Absent: Mayor Robert Backon

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.

Moved by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor Belej to excuse Councilor John Slivon from tonight's meeting as he is out of town.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Houghton Council also excused Member Robert Backon from tonight's meeting.

1. Solid Waste RFP:
Hancock rec'd (2)
-Waste Management
-Eagle Waste

Houghton rec'd (3)
-Waste Management
-Eagle Waste
-GHD

Proposals will be reviewed over the next few weeks.

2. Gas Tax January 1, 2017

19 cents to 26.3 cents increase 7.3 cents for gas
15 cents to 26.3 cents increase 9.3 cents for diesel
Registration fee increase 20%
Full implementation by 2020

3. Update on the State Shared Revenues.

-have been under funded from the State since 2001

4. Glenn Anderson, Hancock City Manager

Hancock Streetscape Update. Project starts May 2, 2016.

- completed in 4 segments the 1st phase is The Goal Post to Northern Mutual
- should be completed by October 22, 2016
- Front Street will be in 2017
- traffic light will be installed at Gino's intersection
- hancock street will be two way with a center turn lane
- white street will be shut down for the first phase of the project
- no bridgefest through Hancock this year.
- no impact on the Parade of Nations or Canal Run
- Hebert Construction was the low bidder

5. Eric Waara, Houghton City Manager

Houghton Skate park

- part of the master plan
- there is a Houghton skate park committee
- the committee is doing a fundraiser for this project
- two sites are being looked at
- might start this year
- if Hancock could donate to the project, that would be great
- will discuss at our (Hancock) budget worksessions

6. Public Comment:

Hancock/Houghton Solid Waste RFP and Recycling:

- Evan MacDonald, would like to see curbside recycling along with cardboard recycling
- David Hall, curbside recycling
- Susan Burack, improve Hancock recycling program

The following residents of Houghton County, Keweenaw County, City of Hancock and City of Houghton also spoke in favor or a new recycling program for the City of Houghton or improvements to the Hancock recycling program:

Carol Extrum, VanCoe, Jennifer Stevenson, Suzanne VanDam, Sue Collins, Schmidt, Jen Cole, Melinda Ruevick, Richard Puttala, Hugh Gormon, Will Laitila, Ann Knewcome, Lindsay Sandell, Alex Mayer and Peter Extrum.

Moved by Houghton Councilor Lankton and seconded by Hancock Councilor Belej that this joint meeting of the Hancock and Houghton Councils be adjourned. Time: 6:27 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Karen Haischer, CMC City Clerk

This meeting was properly advertised and all Councilor were notified.