

**May 16, 2017
Hancock/Houghton Joint City Council Meeting
Carnegie Museum, Houghton
5:30 p.m.**

Present: Councilors LaBine, Bauman, Sequin, McKenzie, Belej, Blau

Also Present: Glenn Anderson, Mary Babcock, City of Houghton Councilmembers; Mayor Backon, Megowen, Lankton, Needham, Sullivan, Salo, Foltz

Absent: None

Special Council meeting of Hancock and Houghton's City Council called to order by Mayor McKenzie and Mayor Backon.

A moment of silence was held for City Councilmember Mary Tuisku who passed away recently.

Business:

Marilyn Clark of the MTEC SmartZone presented the current programs offered by the SmartZone: Smart Start, Incubation, Train and Coaching, Program Development. Their current goal is to create seven new companies and create 63 new jobs each year. They have met the goal for company startups and hope to meet the job goal in the upcoming year.

Houghton City Manager Waara presented the Houghton construction projects for 2017:

- Hebert Construction will begin work on Lakeshore Drive soon and it should be completed by middle of August.
- New crosswalks will be install by MDOT on Montezuma Avenue. The work on this project will begin in early July.
- MDOT will be performing patching on US 41 and M 26 beginning in July and it should be completed by October.
- The Ridge Road Phase II project is scheduled to start during the second week of June with a project completion in the middle of July.

Hancock City Manager Glenn Anderson presented the Hancock construction project for 2017:

- Hebert Construction is currently working on Front Street, it should be completed the middle of July.
- Bill Siler is currently working on White Street and it should be completed by August.
- MDOT will be creating 7 new crosswalks on Hancock Street, work should be completed in July.
- Sewer telephising project is currently underway and should be completed in July.

Recycling update:

- Hancock is recycling 26% of residential tonnage.
- Hancock also provides recycling to the small business.
- Houghton is recycling 24% of residential tonnage.
- Houghton received a grant from DEQ and it will be used to provide additional residential recycling containers.

Revenue Sharing:

- Both cities have a reduction in the revenue sharing from the State of Michigan.
- Houghton's total lost revenue since 2002 is \$3,904,830.
- Hancock's total lost revenue since 2002 is \$2,116,522

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Houghton City Councilor Needham and seconded by Houghton City Councilor Salo to adjourn the meeting. .

Yes: All
No: None

Motion Carried

Lisa McKenzie, Mayor

Mary Babcock, City Clerk