

Joint City Council Meeting
September 7, 2011
5:30 p.m.

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**CITIES OF HANCOCK AND HOUGHTON
and THE HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD
JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL
MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday
September 7, 2011
Carnegie Museum
105 Huron Street
Houghton, MI
5:30 p.m.

Meeting is called to order by Houghton Mayor Robert Backon

AGENDA AS POSTED

- A. Presentation by the Keweenaw National Historic Park.
 - B. Presentation by the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.
 - C. Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Consolidation of Services between the Cities of Hancock and Houghton.
- Adjournment.

Roll Call was taken by each City and each Board had a quorum present.

Hancock: Councilors Mayor William Laitila, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hainault, Councilors John Slivon, Ted Belej, Jeremie Moore, Lisa McKenzie and John Haeussler.
Also present: Manager Anderson

Also present: Representatives of the Daily Mining Gazette, WMPL, WLUC TV-6, WCUP, Mayor Robert Backon, Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Megowen, Councilors Rachel Lankton, Gernot Joachim, Mike Needham, Daniel Salo, Manager Scott MacInnes, Clerk-Treasurer Kurt Kuure, DPW Mark Zenner, Mike Pflaum, Scott See, Tom Wright and Kevin Store.

-Mike Pflaum, Superintendent of the KNHP updated the Councils about progress at the Quincy Smelter site. The future of this site is a very high priority for the National Park Service. The Park service believes there is a wonderful opportunity to fulfill the mission of the Park which is telling the story of copper and the Keweenaw.

-Scott See, Exe. Director of the KNHPAC, presented the detail so what is being done at the Quincy Smelter site in Ripley. The donated money from the cities of Hancock and Houghton was spent on stabilization. This year Franklin Twp. was given a \$1,000,000 appropriation to continue the stabilization. There are tours of the Smelter Site offered on the first weekends of every month on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Grand Opening for the National Park Visitors' Center will be on October 27, 2011 at 10:00 am. Mr. See invited everyone to attend the event.

-Kevin Store, Acting Secretary of the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, updated the Councils about the present status of the Chamber. The Exe. Committee identified areas of emphasis.

- Visibility of Membership
- Sharing Information
- Training & Education Services

-Houghton Manager MacInnes stated he was pleased with the direction the Chamber is taking. There is an opportunity now for both Cities to work as a team with the Chamber and assist the downtown business community.

-Tom Wright stated he believes the job of the Chamber is to get people in contact with other organizations that can help them. He believes the Chamber should help businesses as

opposed to bringing in new business. Tom would like to see the Chamber be more financially stable. The Board currently has 13 members. Two members on the Board are term limited this year. The intention is not to fill those two seats as well as to not fill the vacancy left by Carlton Crothers.

-Hancock Manager Anderson explained the present condition of Revenue Sharing in the State. These payments are now being made under the Economic Vitality Incentive Program. Municipalities need to Qualify for payment by meeting certain criteria. One of the criteria is to show cooperation and collaboration with other jurisdictions.

A copy of the City of Hancock and City of Houghton Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation Plans was provided for Council review. This plan shows a total savings of over \$25,000,000 that local jurisdictions have received through cooperation. The State requires one cooperation agreement to be entered into after June 11, 2011. The Cities picked the Franklin Township/Ripley Neighborhood Sewer Project as the cooperation agreement for 2011.

CITY OF HANCOCK & CITY OF HOUGHTON COOPERATION, COLLABORATION AND CONSOLIDATION PLANS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

EXISTING PLANS

- A. City of Hancock & City of Houghton (\$20 million savings)
 - 1. Joint ownership of the Portage Lake Water & Sewer Authority Sewer Treatment Plant
 - 2. Fire Dept. mutual aid agreement
 - 3. Police Dept. mutual aid agreement
 - 4. DPW collaboration on equipment and technical expertise
 - 5. MDOT Portage Lake Lift Bridge Lighting between both cities and Houghton County
 - 6. City of Houghton sponsored the MDOT Transit Study for the Hancock Transit which led to the Hancock Transit start up
 - 7. Sharing of grant opportunities and applications
 - 8. Joint purchasing of fire trucks when applicable
 - 9. Local Development Finance Authority operated by both cities to operate the Michigan Tech SmartZone and high tech business incubators
 - 10. Shared special needs housing market study undertaken by both Housing Commissions
 - 11. Back up water sources for both cities in the event of a water emergency
 - 12. Semi annual joint city council meetings
 - 13. Sharing contractors for joint fire equipment testing such as aerial ladder, ground ladders & pump testing for both fire departments
 - 14. joint downtown marketing brochure
- B. City of Houghton & Portage Township (\$1.5 million savings)
 - 1. 425 Agreement for Dakota Heights (Maggie's Massage Building)
 - 2. 425 Agreement for Evergreen Drive (Sears Building)
 - 3. 425 Agreement for Razorback Drive South
 - 4. 425 Agreement for Schaeffer/Applebee's
 - 5. Sewer service agreement for Hurontown area
 - 6. Sewer service agreement for Dodgeville area
- C. City of Houghton & Adams Township (\$300,000 savings)
 - 1. 425 Agreement for Jukuri/Canal properties development
- D. City of Houghton & Stanton Township (\$200,000 savings)
 - 1. 425 Agreement for Jukuri/Canal properties development
- E. City of Hancock & Quincy Township (\$400,000 savings)
 - 1. Water service agreement for Roosevelt, McKinley St., Lakeview Dr., Upper Dunstan St. and Sampson St. areas
 - 2. Sewer service agreement for Roosevelt St., McKinley St., Lakeview Dr., Upper Dunstan Street & Sampson St. areas
- F. City of Hancock & Quincy/FranklinTownship Water Authority (\$500,000 savings)

1. Water service agreement to provide water service to about 120 households in the Quincy Hill service area.
- G. Cities of Hancock & Houghton & Franklin Township (\$785,000 savings)
 1. Sewer service agreement to provide sewer services to about 120 homes located in the Quincy Hill area and Michigan Tech University's Mt. Ripley Ski Hill
- H. Cities of Hancock & Houghton & Franklin Township and Portage Township and MDOT
 1. Members of US41/M26 Corridor Access Committee
- I. Cities of Hancock & Houghton & Franklin Township
 1. Members of the Quincy Smelter Reuse Work Group
- J. City of Hancock & Portage Township (\$200,000 savings)
 1. Use of city's water transmission main to access Adams Township Wholesale water for:
 - a. Naumkeg Subdivision
 - b. Hurontown
 - c. Dodgeville
 - d. Dakota Heights
- K. City of Hancock & Adams Township (\$200,000 savings)
 1. Use of city's water transmission main to access Adams Township wholesale water for Atlantic Mine area
- L. City of Hancock & Houghton Septage Access (\$100,000 savings)
 1. Both cities accept sewer septage from licensed Haulers at the PLWSA plant from the following townships (15 mile radius):
 - Houghton County Townships:
 - Adams
 - Calumet
 - Elm River
 - Franklin
 - Quincy
 - Hancock
 - Osceola
 - Portage
 - Quincy
 - School Craft
 - Stanton
 - Torch Lake
 - Chassell
 - Keweenaw County Townships:
 - Allouez
 - Eagle Harbor
 - Grant
 - Ontonagon County Townships:
 - Bohemia
 - Baraga County Townships:
 - Baraga
- M. City of Hancock & the Hancock School District & Quincy Twp., Franklin Twp. & Hancock Townships (\$3,000 savings)
 1. Hancock School District contracts with the City of Hancock to conduct all school elections on behalf of city and the 3 townships that comprise the district.
- N. City of Houghton & Houghton/Portage Township Public Schools (\$2,000 savings)
 1. The Houghton/Portage Township School District contracts with the City of Houghton to conduct school elections in the city.
- O. City of Hancock & City of Houghton & County of Houghton (\$100,000 savings)
 1. Consolidated Emergency 911 dispatch services through Negaunee Regional Dispatch Center
- P. Cities of Hancock & Houghton & Portage Township (\$500,000 savings)
 1. Agree to allow Portage Township's Dakota Heights Neighborhood to connect to the City of Houghton sewer distribution system and then to allow sewer treatment at the PLWSA Sewer Plant to serve 54 existing dwelling units who currently have sub standard septic tanks. This collaborative effort will save Portage Township significant capital expenditures by not having to build a treatment facility.

NEW PLAN

Q. Cities of Hancock & Houghton & Franklin Townships (\$500,000 savings)

1. Proposal to allow Franklin Township's Ripley Neighborhood to connect new sewer distribution system to PLWSA sewer treatment plant.

William Laitila
Mayor
City of Hancock

Robert Backon
Mayor
City of Houghton

Moved by Councilor Belej and seconded by Council Haeussler to adopt the City of Hancock and City of Houghton Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation Plans dated September 7, 2011.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor Joachim and seconded by Councilor Megowen to adopt the City of Hancock and City of Houghton Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation Plans dated September 7, 2011.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Slivon that this special joint meeting of the Hancock and Houghton Councils be adjourned. Time: 6:30 p.m.

William Laitila, Mayor

Glenn Anderson, City Manager

This meeting was properly advertised, posted and all Councilors properly notified.