

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting February 7, 2006 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present: Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn, Balko, Wilson. Visitors: Harold Anderson, Ron Bell, Danita Rask, Mary Jo Cook, Debbie Fulcher, Ken McPherson, John Shauver, Janet Miron. The February meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisor Wilson leading the pledge.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes: Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that minutes of January 3rd meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: Anderson Tackman newsletter, Peoples State Bank: we will no longer receive cancelled checks with our statements, Tri County Fire Dept: request for donation, DEQ: license for Wandering Wheels, Naterra Land: request for zoning information and copy of ordinance, Forest Service: looking for input on plan for managing budworm/jackpine problem, Census Bureau: there will be Community Surveys coming to 1 in every 480 households, Menards and Pamida requests for new signatures of who can use charge account.

Supervisor's Correspondence: Commission on Aging request for money, State Tax Commission on inspection of assessment program, Charter on rate changes.

Requested Items: **A:** Zoning Administrator, Non conforming Industrial District is going better than expected. Powell Lake non-conforming uses is finished. Naterra Lands are purchasing Hawaiian Lands property (Heartland Forests) and are in the process of disposing of non forest producing properties. They are willing to deal with local townships if interested in purchasing any of these properties. Coryell Nurseries looking for a zoning change on Miners Road to develop a campground. **B:** Danita Rask from Soil Conservation District: Munising Bay Watershed program is going well. Now looking at applying for a planning grant for an Eastern Alger County Watershed Project. This would include streams in our township. Need monies for Districts matching part of money for the grant as well as monies to support other Soil Conservation District programs. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we support Alger Soil Conservation District Contract Services and by providing \$2,000 in financial support. Motion carried.** **C:** Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that the proposed Contract for Temporary Assessor Services and Release be accepted and that the Supervisor and Clerk be authorized and directed to sign and execute the same on behalf of the Township. Roll Call: Fulcher yes, Howard yes, Ahlborn yes, Balko yes, Wilson abstain. Four yes, zero nos, one abstain. Motion carried. Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that the Township Treasurer be directed to issue a Township draft made payable to Michael G. Summers, in trust, for the amount of the remaining monthly installments due Mark Maki under the Contract for Temporary Assessor Services and Release, representing the months of February And March 2006, (\$3,333.34) plus \$10,000.00 being the settlement consideration as provided under paragraph G of the contract for a total of \$13,333.34. Roll call: Howard yes, Ahlborn yes, Balko yes, Wilson abstain, Fulcher yes. Four yes, zero no, one abstain. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Bring Larry Orr on as new fire fighter. Firemen would like to bring weight lifting equipment to hall and be able to come and work out. Wilson will check that this is covered in our insurance. No fires last month. Ordered books for men taking firefighter one course.

Clerk's Report: Using a new format for writing the minutes. Everyone likes the new way. Provided an updated budget, everything is okay on it, no amendments needed. Starting to gather voting information and work on voter registrations. There will be three elections this year.

Supervisor's Report: Evelyn David of MTA suggested keeping in the back of our minds eventually adopting a township wide special assessment to help run our township as it becomes harder with revenue sharing cutbacks and such. Worked with Hiawatha township, and tax commission. Alger Corrections, Mike Djerf will be officer of the year.

Unfinished Business: **A:** Hiawatha Township Fire Agreement- isn't back from our lawyer yet. We are looking for an agreement that will reimburse us our actual costs of tending to a fire in their township. For a long fire their department would come to relieve ours to come back to our own jurisdiction. **B:** Millage wording for fire equipment. **Resolution Balko/Second Fulcher to adopt millage language for purchase of Fire Equipment. We are asking for 1.5 mills for five years. Roll Call. Ahlborn yes, Balko yes, Wilson yes, Fulcher yes, Howard yes. Five yes, zero no, Resolution passes.** **C:** Board of Review class. **Motion Balko/Second Ahlborn that our board of review members and supervisor attend school in Marquette on February 21st. Motion carried.**

New Business: **A:** Parks and Rec, Deb Fulcher. Gave an overview of department history, present programs and future goals. Looking for a three year commitment of township participation at the same rate as previous three years. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that we enter into a three year agreement with Alger Parks and Rec. Our portion being \$34,375.00 per year. Motion carried.**

Balko presented a draft of the township proposed five year recreation plan which was put together by the recreation committee for approval of changes. **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we accept the recreation plan as presented. Motion carried.** **B:** Tri County request for donation. **Motion Balko/Second Ahlborn that Tri County be tabled until April meeting. Motion carried.**

C: Wage resolution. This must be passed thirty days before annual meeting when an annual meeting is held. Board members have not had a wage increase since 2000. Suggested a 15% increase which is basically the cost of living increase. **Resolution Fulcher/Second Howard that Supervisor salary increase by 15%. Roll call: Balko yes, Wilson yes, Fulcher yes, Howard yes, Ahlborn yes. All yes, zero no Resolution passes.** **Resolution Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that Clerk salary increase by 15%. Roll call: Wilson yes, Fulcher yes, Howard yes, Ahlborn yes, Balko yes. All yes, zero no Resolution passes.** **Resolution Wilson/Second Ahlborn that Treasurer salary be increased by 15%. Roll call: Fulcher yes, Howard yes, Ahlborn yes, Balko yes, Wilson yes. All yes, zero no, Resolution passes.** **Resolution Balko/Second Howard that Trustees salary increase by 15%. Roll call: Howard yes, Ahlborn yes, Balko yes, Wilson yes, Fulcher yes. All yes, zero no, Resolution passes.** Howard question on assessor wages. This will be handled at a later meeting. **D:** Budget workshop. March 1st, 7:00 p.m. set for budget workshop date. Clerk to post meeting. **E:** Street light on Wooddale Road. Light was placed, some neighbors not happy. Wilson will do more research and put back on agenda. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn we pay another \$10,000 back to Firetruck Fund from monies we borrowed to pay roads bill off. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports: Howard on landfill committee. Authority has put in a request to DEQ to do fewer tests and have fewer sites tested at landfill since all reports are coming back fine. Ahlborn on watershed committee. Learning experience, meeting well attended.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report: Tax collection on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Church Thursdays and Sundays, Zoning board on the 8th, Needle Arts on the 12th, Wetmore Community Club on the 20th, Girlscouts on the 21st, soil conservation district on the 28th.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts \$54,181.15. Disbursements \$45,765.97. Balance savings account \$63,459.96. Balance general fund \$882.27. Supervisor Wilson thanked her for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Balko that bills numbered 5696 through 5748 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion Fulcher/Second Howard we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting date March 1st, 2006 7:00 p.m. for budget workshop.

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor

