

**Munising Township Board Special Meeting/Public Hearing
July 11, 2006 7:00-8:05 p.m.**

Roll Call: Members present: Wilson, Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn, Balko. Absent: none. Visitors: Tim Flynn, Joni Flynn, Cathy Pullen. The meeting was called to order with the Supervisor leading the pledge.

Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that the agenda be amended to include public comment under special meeting section. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that we adjourn special meeting and open first public hearing. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

This hearing is to consider an Industrial Development District on M-28. There is a timeframe to meet to develop this district in time for Modern Woodsmith to be able to apply for an Industrial Facility Tax Exemption. Due to many delays for one reason or another the time is drawing near and all paperwork must be done by August 1st.

Public Comment: Tim Flynn: Their intention is to have their business grow. They advertise nationally, they plan to expand and have a need to hire more employees in the future. They have already hired more employees since they began four years ago. Joni Flynn: The abatement they are asking for is for the present building only, not future buildings and not for the land that the building sits on. Cathy Pullen: Asked if there is a time limit on an Industrial Development District. Wilson said no, not without going through the same process that it takes for a district. Once a district is created anyone within the district has the opportunity to apply for an Industrial Facility Tax Abatement.

Board Comments: Lisa Howard: How many years can the abatement go for. Wilson stated from 1-12 years. If five years is granted it cannot be extended. Lisa Howard: We may want to look at a section of land to designate IDD at a future time.

Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we close the public hearing and reopen special meeting. Motion carried. Special meeting reopened at 7:40 p.m.

A resolution was offered by Ahlborn and seconded by Fulcher that we establish an Industrial Development District for the Modern Woodsmith Property. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn, Balko, Wilson. Nays: none. Absent: none. Supervisor Wilson declared resolution passed.

Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we adjourn special meeting at 8:45 p.m. and open Second Public Hearing. Motion carried.

This public hearing is to consider giving the Modern Woodsmith and Industrial Facility Tax Exemption. The abatement is only on the personal and real property and not the land. There is a checklist of things that need to be completed and provided to the state.

Public Comment: Tim Flynn: It is only their intention to continue to grow even after 12 years if they are granted the full 12 years. Joni Flynn: They have worked very hard and they have the support of others such as the bank and Northern Initiatives.

Board Comments: Wilson: Normally does not like to go past term of office with decisions that would commit another board. This would only give two years for the IFTE. The program does not allow for an extension of years once a decision is made. Howard: In the future we should look at

developing a bigger section for an IDD. Had 10 years in mind. Ahlborn: Has a good feeling about what the Modern Woodsmith has done in the past and what the future holds and is in favor of the Exemption. Did not have a year number in mind, assumed it had to be 12 years. Fulcher: Also in favor and had 7 years in mind. Balko: Does not like to commit another board either but does hope to still be a board member in 12 years.

Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that the second public hearing be closed at 8:00 p.m. and special meeting be called back to order. Motion carried.

A resolution was offered by Howard seconded by Fulcher to approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for The Modern Woodsmith for a ten year period. Roll call vote: Ayes, Howard, Ahlborn, Balko, Wilson, Fulcher. Nays: none. Absent: none. Supervisor Wilson declared the resolution passed.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting August 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor