

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting June 6, 2006 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present: Wilson, Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn, Balko. Absent: none. Visitors: Ron Bell, Harold Anderson, Ken McPherson, Janet Miron, John Shauver, Tim Flynn and Jim Isleib. The June 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 May 4, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: Letter from Skate Park Committee thanking us for our donation, DEQ permit for culverts to access Richard Weaver property on Connors Road, MSU bulletin, 4th of July Committee, MERS will be in our area in June, two letters about new voting machines we will be getting, one bid.

Supervisor's Correspondence: UPPCO/Munising Township lawsuit challenging what they pay for right of way, report on water testing, PAR plan ballot, Pictured Rocks allowing personal watercraft in the park, H-58 paving project, Hiawatha National Forest Record of Decision.

Requested Items: **A:** Zoning administrator. Conditional Use permit was issued to Bowman Gas. At the June meeting there will be a hearing on a Conditional Use permit for Duane Heyrman for a dog kennel. We should have Miss Cole come to one of our meetings to explain Industrial Development Districts. Wilson to contact her. Tim Flynn voiced his concern over billboards in the Wetmore area. They are addressed in the zoning ordinance John Shauver is keeping track of them. **B:** Jim Isleib-MSU Extension Service. There will be a proposal on the ballot in August for renewal of .25 mills for five years for MSU Extension. There are many programs that county residents benefit from. Millage covers less than one third of their operating expenses. The rest comes from state, federal and grant funding. Jim was looking for support from the township in hopes that the millage will once again pass. The board is in support and feels it is a good program. **C:** Wade Mannisto, little league. Lisa spoke on behalf of Wade asking for dirt for the little league field as it came to their attention that the bases were 65 feet apart and not 60 which is little league standard. To move the bases correctly they need dirt to fill in the run areas. **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard we purchase dirt for the field. Motion carried.** Ron will take care of this.

Clerk's Report: Attended MTA spring meeting in Gladstone...always learn something new. One thing is that clerk is supposed to report to board on all land splits. Therefore, in 2006 there have been four so far. Frank Ward on Connors Road, Karl Gurski on Gates Road, S Haberman on Johnson Road and Paul Smith on Carlson Road. Janet is cleaning for us again, thank you Janet. Our flag is pretty tattered since we are flying it 24 hours a day. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that we purchase a polyester flag which will hold up better in constant flying. Motion carried.** Clerk concerned with zoning secretary wages for non quorum meetings. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that the zoning secretary be paid a minimum of an hour for non quorum meetings. Motion carried.** We need to have a public hearing on our recreation plan for it to be approved by the DNR. **Motion Balko/Second Fulcher that we have a public hearing on our recreation plan at 6:45 p.m. before our next regular meeting on July 6, 2006. Motion carried.** We need an election committee meeting in July also and that will be held at 5:30 p.m. before the public hearing. Clerk will be taking some time off for son's pre op appointment and surgery in June.

Supervisor's Report: Also attended MTA meeting. ACRC-work on Carmody road not completed yet, hold check till work is completed. Deb from Parks and Rec will talk to Fuzzy and Wade about scoreboard for little league field in Wetmore. Will work on getting one for Shingleton eventually also. Lindbeck from ACRC wants to know if we want a report of paved and unpaved roads in our township and estimates of costs to pave. Report is fine but we are not in a position to do any paving this year. Dust control is done, was a little more than we expected. Shauver to contact Park Service when permits are issued in the IBZ zone. Ken McPherson has original tax maps and will bring them in for Pat Soboski to work with. Township cleanup day went well. \$1,500.00 that we get in tribal monies will continue to go into the fire truck fund.

Fire Department: Flow alarms at industrial park. Bowerman from city asked that they be notified if the fire

department is going to do a big draw on the water system so that they don't all rush up there when alarms go off and if possible try not to on the weekends unless they call first. Chief to apply for 50/50 DNR grant to purchase summer firefighting shirts and backpacks for fighting grass/brush fires. Our portion would be \$2000.00. Chief is beginning to look at trucks and put specs together for new fire truck.

Unfinished Business: A: Zoning Board Applications. There were none. We may have to reduce the size of our zoning board to five members with one alternate if we do not get any interest from someone to be a member.

New Business: A: Pavilion bids. There was one from Cleary Buildings from Escanaba for \$13,200.00 **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard to accept bid and put on file. Motion carried. Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that bid be sent to recreation committee for review and recommendation. Motion carried. B:** Adopt new road names. This needs to be done for the sheriff to assign E911 numbers. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that we adopt "Sterling Drive" and "High Pines Trail" as names for two new roads. Motion carried. C:** Computer purchase for supervisor/assessor. Superior Solutions with a proposal for a computer for the supervisor/assessor for \$836.00. This is \$600 less than we have paid for the last two computers and this includes set up. **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we purchase computer for supervisor/assessor office. Motion carried. D:** BSA training. Wilson talked with woman from BSA during MTA meeting. Wilson sent data to her on what we have now. She will write a program to update assessor program and come to give training on using the program. Supervisor Wilson would like clerk to take training also. No price quote for this as of yet. Will report more at next meeting. **E:** Fourth of July request. **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard we donate \$250.00 to Fourth of July Committee. Motion carried.**

Committee/Policy reports: Assessor Wilson is picking up omitted properties from 2000 to present for the assessors roll. Blight pictures passed along to board for viewing. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Howard to start action on blight complaints, beginning with letters to property owners. Motion carried.** Fulcher had a call with a complaint on the condition of the park. While there may have been some litter in the park on that day, it is always well maintained by handyman Ron Bell. Thank you Ron. On the same note Bill Sanders of UP Engineering has let Wilson know that Seaberg will be sent a letter with a seven day notice to get the boardwalk project finished up or it will be completed by someone else and he will be charged for the cost. This project should have been finished by now since it is already June.

Public Comment: Janet Miron commented that there is a tear in the carpeting in the conference room of the fire hall. Chief Anderson said he will check it out and try to fix it so it doesn't get worse.

Building Report: Church on Thursdays and Sundays, Democratic Party was on the 5th, Postal testing on the 7th, Needle Arts on the 11th, Adult Learning Systems on the 9th, 19th, 20th and 21st. Zoning meeting on the 14th. Sue Passinault on the 24th.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts \$33,062.33, Disbursements \$57,814.11, Balance Savings Account \$52,405.60, Balance General Fund \$940.96. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 5954 through 6024 be paid with the exception of #5990 to be held till work is done. Motion carried.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting July 6, 2006 due to Fourth of July falling on the first Tuesday.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor

