

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting October 3, 2006 7:00-8:25 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present: Balko, Wilson, Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn. Absent: none. Visitors: Ed Hines IV, Alan Beaudry, Ken McPherson, John Shauver, Ron Bell, Bob Balko, Janet Miron and Harold Anderson. The October meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisor Wilson leading the pledge.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes: Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that the minutes of the September 5, 2006 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: DEQ-extension for DNR for work done at Spray Creek, MTA-emergency services workshop in Mount Pleasant. Five bids for snow plowing.

Supervisor's Correspondence: CUPPAD invite to a meeting about the states five-year plan. October 16th ribbon cutting for phase II of H58 project. Consolidated Gas Co on rate increase. Charter Communications rate increase. Pictured Rocks, ongoing programs for their anniversary.

Requested Items: A: Zoning administrator: Completed Industrial and Commercial non conforming use properties identifications. Things are going okay.

Fire Department: Assistant Chief Balko reported that the hose testing is completed. This was done over a two month period. There was one fire.

Clerk's Report: Busy getting ready for the election. Ballots were due in by September 23rd but have yet to arrive. AutoMark machine needs to be upgraded already. County Clerk will learn how to do this and either do the upgrade or teach us how to do it. County clerks meeting held at our hall on the 27th. All clerks present and were very helpful to talk about common matters. Last day to register to vote for the General election is October 10th. Audit is here and reflects a mistake on the 2nd quarter IRS report. This has been taken care of already. It also notes the absence of some "in-between" checks that were written. Otherwise everything was okay. An updated budget was presented and we are pretty much on schedule for the middle of the fiscal year. Do we wish to rent the building to someone to train show dogs this winter? Consensus of the board that this is not a good use of the building. Clerk to notify. A check was finally received from the Sheriffs department for homeland security training that two of our firemen attended in AuTrain two years ago. Clerk to be gone October 9th, 11th and 12th.

Supervisor's Report: Ron Bell cleaned the carpet in the meeting room and it came out good. Thank you Ron. Check for last work done at McQuisten Rec area was received. Filed a report to state for fire coverage of prisons in our township.

Unfinished Business: A: Zoning committee with pen and ink changes. Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that changes be made to the zoning ordinance as requested by the zoning board. 1. "Public Building" be added as a conditional use in the Industrial District. 2. "Off premise signs" be added as conditional uses in the Industrial, commercial and town development districts. Motion carried. Still no applications for zoning board members. May need to drop zoning board to five member and board of appeals to three members. B: Snow Removal Bids. There were five bids. Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we accept bids and put them on file. Motion carried. Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we let two year bid to Gerou Excavating for \$37.50 per hour. Motion carried.

C. Impact fees. Supervisor Wilson continuing to work on this, agreement still with our attorney.

New Business: A. Gas program. A five year program was offered at set natural gas prices. Not knowing what the economy is going to do to gas prices we opted to pass and stay on the plan we are on.

B. BS & A Data Transfer The information at the county level is Manatron and our township records for assessing are BS & A. Files need to be converted and loaded onto the assessors computer. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that we pay \$400 fee to transfer information. Motion carried.** **C.** Hardship ordinance and application. We need to pass an ordinance and develop an application for people who have financial hardships to exempt them from paying their property taxes. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn to table this item and turn it over to the policy committee. Motion carried.** **D.** Approval of Tilley Drive. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher we approve Tilley Drive as a name for a road off Lost Lake Road. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports: Supervisor stated that there was a landsplit for Bell Timber.

Public Comment: None

Building Report: Church on Sundays and Thursdays, DNR met today and will meet again on the 10th, cub scouts on the 4th, postal testing on the 6th, blueberry workshop by Soil Conservation District on the 7th, zoning on the 11th, clerk's meeting on the 13th, Wetmore Club on the 16th, MSU all day on the 18th, boy scouts evening of the 18th, Tribal health fair on the 30th.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$41,392.93 Disbursements: \$29,558.55 Balance savings account: \$17,330.58 Balance General Fund: \$1100.08. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 6246 through 6302 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting on Thursday, November 9th, 2006 because of general election.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor