

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting August 7, 2007 7:00-8:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: Balko, Wilson, Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn Absent: None Visitors: Harold Anderson, Janet Miron, Bob Balko, John Shauver, Ken McPherson, Ron Bell, Lyle Steede, Jim Hannah, Michelle Hannah, Sandy Hannah, Kathy Smith, Karen Smith, Terry Bond. The August 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 Howard that minutes of July 5th meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: DEQ- copy of violation letter sent to Mark & Jennifer Zuithoff for unauthorized activity or wetlands located on their property. ES&S Election supplies stating that their fees will be going up in January. Dustin Overbeck of Town Web Design wanting to design a webpage for our township. I am looking into estimated figures for the future.

Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that blight be added as item B under requested items. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Correspondence: Response from Steve Lindberg regarding letter opposing HB4780 turning assessing, elections and tax collection over to county clerks. Payment request from bank for part of firetruck purchase. Booklet on Protecting Michigan Wetlands from Thumb Area Watershed Council. Charter and Grove on franchise fees.

Requested Items: A: Zoning Administrator: Issued 7 permits in July. Dealt with a complaint on Percy Road. There are two variance requests out and one conditional use application out. Gerou is in compliance with the gravel pit. Carlsons have not returned their non-conforming use permit and others who have permits are questioning why. **B:** Blight complaint on Roy Steele of Shingleton, pictures to accompany. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we take action on blight complaint in Shingleton. Motion carried.**

Fire Department: Chief Anderson to go downstate to look fire truck over before it is to be painted to make sure everything is how we want it. Working to get 800mhz radio bill worked out, we have been paying too much. Sheriff asking about truck and manpower should they need any for the Sleeper Lake Fire in Newberry.

Clerk's Report: Clerk's meeting went well, will meet again in October. Printer fixed and can now print master cards and ID cards for voting in my own office. Carpeting done by Ron last month, turned out well. Tables came...got credit for two slightly damaged ones and one replaced. Will be on vacation the week of the 13th. Budget amendment from last month included in this months packet. Will be training for all clerks and election workers regarding potolD requirement for voting.

Supervisor's Report: Phone company put new battery pack in for phone system. Last one lasted 10 years. Bell Timber reimbursed township for dust control they got for their road. State Tax Commission here doing a 14-point inspection. CUPPAD still working with Planning Commission.

Unfinished Business: A: Boardwalk-do we dredge or not. DEQ says we still have contamination at pond. We only have \$60,000 left to our grant. This is not enough to dredge and take care of soil. Consensus of board for Supervisor to continue working with DEQ through U P Engineers and see what our options are. May have to apply for a new grant. **B:** Cable Franchise. Several residents in audience concerned over rate increase if the township begins collecting a Franchise fee. Lawyer is working with cable companies. We have to be equal and charge both the same percentages. Charter is up now, Grove Cable in October. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that the township charge 5% franchise fee to Charter Communications. Motion carried. C:** Propane provider for Shingleton. Figures not in yet. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that we table propane provider until September. Motion carried.**

New Business: **A:** CUPPAD membership dues. **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we pay \$625 membership dues to CUPPAD. Motion carried.** **B:** Sealer for tennis courts. Estimate is \$489.00. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that we have Sealer King seal cracks in tennis court as long as it can be done as smooth as possible. Motion carried.** **C:** Airport. County cannot get grants for airport unless it is under their ownership. They are looking for land donations for land trades with the forestry for the county to take over ownership. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we agree to donate our 40 acres by Timber Products to help the county gain ownership of airport with the condition that if it ever gets closed as an airport we would get 40 acres back from them because of our donation. Motion carried.** **D:** Computer class for assessor. This class to be held in Escanaba on the 8th, a follow up to last class. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we allow and pay \$100 registration for Supervisor/Assessor to attend computer class tomorrow. Motion carried.** **E:** Check cashing policy. **Motion Howard/Second Balko that we have void after 90 days printed on all new checks that are ordered. Motion carried.** **F:** Aerobics class. Cathy Sowa would like to know if the township could give her a special rate for holding aerobics classes at the township two times a week. Consensus of board that we are not flexible on rates. If we adjusted them for one would have to adjust them for everyone. They are still able to rent with stipulation that township functions come first.

Committee/policy reports: Howard on landfill committee. They are using half the amount of test wells now and testing less often so our portion of the fees should be lower.

Public Comment: None

Building Report: Tax collection on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Planning Commission on the 8th at 6:30 and postal testing morning of the 24th.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$51,277.65 Disbursements: \$28,163.55 Balance Savings account: \$105,643.65 Balance General Fund: \$1,376.88. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that bills numbered 6881 through 6962 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting, September 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Balko, clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor