

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting March 6, 2007 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present: Balko, Wilson, Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn Absent: none Visitors: Jim Northup, Teresa Chase, Ken McPherson, Ron Bell, Harold Anderson, Janet Miron. The March 6, 2007 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 minutes of February 6th and February 13th meetings be approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: Insurance renewal notice from Hannula Agency, this is due in May. Forest Service notice on jackpine harvest they will do to control budworm. DEQ information on coastal grants. Census Bureau questionnaire, Secretary of State questionnaire on November General Election.

Supervisor's Correspondence: Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on fireside chats. State on signs,

Requested Items: **A:** Gateway Presentation: Teresa Chase and Jim Northup gave a presentation on a meeting they attended in West Virginia on Gateway Communities and how we can group together to decide how we would like our community to grow. There will be local meetings in the future that they would like our township to attend. As we progress in forming a planning commission in our township as the next step in controlling our own zoning we can have more control in how our community grows in the future and what we would like it to be like. **B:** Zoning Administrator: absent

Fire Department: Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that fire department be allowed to purchase a GPS system for the department. Motion carried. Chief Anderson is applying for two grants for the department, one for a brush truck and one for scott air packs.

Clerk's Report: Filled out several questionnaires for different things, updated budget presented, will be close on street lights and social security but will be okay.

Supervisor's Report: Liquor License transfer papers sent in per last month's special meeting, road millage wording submitted to county clerk to be put on the May ballot, met with Road Commission Superintendent Bob Lindbeck on having him do a presentation at a public meeting to explain why road millage would be good in our township. We will do this before the May election. Dealing with UPPCO lawsuit. Suit is for their 1999 assessment and they will have to be reimbursed for over assessment. We have been advised to stipulate and settle. We will then have to collect from other entities and then send the money in. Working with CUPPAD on redoing our zoning ordinance to coordinate it with the new state Zoning Ordinance Enabling Act.

Unfinished business: **A:** Street lights: Howard checked out Miller Road and said all intersections are lit and people who live on property where one was suggested being put do not want a streetlight there, their daughter catches the bus at another area. Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher to put a streetlight in Shingleton at the south east corner of the tennis court. Motion carried. This will light up the community building parking lot, the skating rink and the corner of Park and Pine Street.

New Business: **A:** Lagasco program: Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that Wilson call around for gas prices and lock into Lagasco for a year if they turn out to be the lowest price. Motion carried. **B:** Franchise agreement with City: Motion Ahlborn/Second Howard that we extend franchise agreement with the city of Munising for the Industrial Park for another two years. Motion carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: Policy committee is working on creating some new needed policies and reviewing our current policy book. Chairman Miron went over some of the changes that the committee is working on and will come back to the board with suggestions. All policy books need to be gathered to be updated and approved. This will take a few months. Clerk Balko stated that we need to have an election committee meeting at 6:45 on March 6th, just before then next township meeting. There will be an

election in May. It will be a school election and will have our road millage proposal on it.

Public Comment: Terri Braunschauen on a request from a group in Washington who is creating a "Michigan House" with a "Munising Room", looking for items for the room. She was wondering if some of the pictures of the area in the meeting room could be sent to represent our area. Asked to get more information on this.

Building Report: was an 80th birthday party on the 3rd, MSU training for loggers all day today, BOR today, the 12th, 15th and 22nd, church on Sundays, girl scouts on the 8th, budget workshop on the 13th, Wetmore Community Club on the 19th and Township annual meeting on the 27th.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$13,648.00, Disbursements: \$24,167.14, Balance savings account \$54,969.83, Balance General Fund: \$1,248.18. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that bills numbered 6556 through 6597 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion Howard/second Fulcher that we be adjourned. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 9:00 p.m..

Next meetings: March 13th, 2007 budget workshop, March 27th annual meeting and April 3rd regular township meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor