

## Munising Township Regular Board Meeting August 7, 2008 7:00-7:50 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Board members present: Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn, Balko, Wilson. Absent: None. Visitors: There were approximately twenty five residents in attendance of the July meeting. Sign in sheet is on file with the clerk. Supervisor Wilson opened the August meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us in the pledge.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion Fulcher/ Second Howard that the minutes of the July 1, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:** Allot of election ads, letter from our lawyers stating the court hearing to remove uncollectable personal property taxes from our files was approved.

**Supervisor's Correspondence:** Alger Soil Conservation District: thank you note for extending loan with them and for renewing contract for services. Capital Currents,

**Requested Items:** A: Heather Nayback (Bed Rock Quarry) Supervisor Wilson opened with a statement regarding topic. The township board does not have the authority to answer zoning questions. That is what our planning commission is for. Wilson has been in contact with Representative Lindberg and with Tom Baldini of Stupak's office. There are people working on this issue trying to find solutions to concerns. Heather Nayback: Has four questions: 1. Why was the Payne & Dolan move to a new pit not made public? Wilson: Have no idea. 2. Who, other than Payne and Dolan made the decision to move to the Lakosky Pit? Wilson: Believed that plan was in mind from the beginning 3. What can be done to prevent an asphalt plant to be located somewhere other than the Lindberg pit? Wilson: Thinks there are folks working on that issue right now. 4. Are unregulated pits in the area going to be brought up to standards in the future? Wilson: This is a zoning question.

Don Thomas: This problem is all of our problem, the whole township, not just Percy Road. He feels like nobody wants to help. Thank you to those who attended, those who support and those who are listening.

Sandy Hannah: Feels this is sacred grounds to residents, hates to see it all destroyed for a gravel pit.

Kim Robinson: When is the planning commission meeting? We were told to come to this township meeting. What would a new pit do to my property values?

Don Thomas: Is the planning commission meeting open to the public? Yes, it is.

**Clerk's Report:** Election was kind of a disaster from start to finish. AutoMark did not work. Humidity caused ballots to "swell" and had to trim them to make them work in the AcuVote machine. Only 7% voter turnout. Preliminary audit should be here next week for us to check over and approve. We need to develop and approve a budget for the fire truck millage account. Website continues to grow and improve. People are using it, we have gotten requests for information through the website.

**Supervisor's Report:** Attended CUPPAD meeting, we still need their help for management plan. Filled out fire protection survey-get refund for fire protection of prisons. Attended court hearing with Treasurer on uncollectable property taxes-that went well. Board of Review went well. New letter went out to Cable America regarding franchise and fees.

Wally Ahlborn: Stated that the Munising News is the legal voice of Alger County. How do you get your news?

Janis Parks: Will the township website expand? Yes, it is very new and will expand and carry more

information as time goes on.

**Fire Department:** Received statement from Red Power Diesel and Oshkosh Fire for work on trucks and air packs. Purchased six aluminum air packs and a back up camera. Purchased new garden hose reel and a ladder. Possible to get a dehumidifier? Equipment is rusting. Wilson stated to hold off as we will be discussing air conditioning for the building in the near future. There was one fire call. There will be ladder testing next month.

**Unfinished Business: A:** Cemetery Ordinance: Received a copy of the cemetery ordinance with changes at tonight's meeting. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that the cemetery ordinance be tabled until September so that we have time to review it. Motion carried.**

**New Business: A:** Airport gas contribution: Annual request from the county board for \$800.00 to use for gas to mow the airport. Rarely more than \$200.00 is used. **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that the township allow \$800.00 for use for gas purchase to mow the airport. Motion carried. B:** Funds for contract with Alger Soil Conservation. We already approved \$2,000.00 for contract with Alger Soil Conservation District. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we send check to Alger Soil District. Motion carried. C:** Pavilion options: Pavilion is completed. Supervisor is gathering paperwork to turn in for final payment from grant. We need to explore options of finishing beams on pavilion and hooking up power to it. Ron will take care of painting siding before winter. **D:** Approve cost of new zoning ordinances. New ordinances with maps cost us \$10.00 apiece. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that we charge \$10.00 for a copy of our zoning ordinance with map. Motion carried.**

Bonnie Fulcher: Will we have the sewer system at the Wetmore office building checked before winter so that we don't have problems? Supervisor Wilson said yes we will.

**Committee/Policy Reports:** None

**Public Comment:** Ron Bell: Top protection rail is now installed on fences at both ball fields. Thank you Ron.

**Building Report:** Tax collection from 1-5 on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Planning Commission at 6:30 on the 13th. Quilting group at 1:00 on the 19th. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Disbursements: \$27,110.09 and \$2,849.00. Receipts: \$52,153.27. Balance savings account: \$79,156.31. Balance General fund: \$75.25. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

**Motion Ahlborn/Second Howard that bills numbered 7719 through 7807 be paid. Motion carried.**

**Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Next meeting: September 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Selina Balko, Clerk

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Dan Wilson, Supervisor