

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting July 1, 2008 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Wilson, Fulcher, Howard, Ahlborn, Balko. Absent: None. Visitors: Janet Miron, Ron Bell, Ken McPherson, Harold Anderson. Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting of the Munising Township Board at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that that minutes of the June 3, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: Catalogs with election supplies.

Supervisor's Correspondence: Alger Delta COOP rate increase, Senate took revenue sharing increase away, Property tax law schooling in October, MTA school on special assessment procedures.

Requested Items: A: Zoning Administrator: Mr Shauver was absent but Wilson reported that Brian Salter has applied for a conditional use permit for a junk yard and Payne & Dolan has applied for a conditional use permit for a gravel pit on Percy Road. Both public hearings will be on July 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Office Complex. There have been many zoning permits issued recently.

Fire Department: Annual pump test was done by Red Power Diesel. Scott airpac testing was done. Six tanks need replacing. Chief checking into buying used aluminum tanks. \$1,047 was spent on three pagers for the new firemen. Some of our firemen attended and all day training class that was held at the city. Adding Jerry LaFlamme and A J Schierschmidt as firemen.

Clerk's Report: Getting ready for election in August. Ordered vote here signs and Ron will help get them ready to be placed out on election day. Public accuracy testing will be on July 24th, election school to be determined yet.

Supervisor's Report: Township website is up and running. Permission was granted by the DNR to go past the June 30th deadline on completion date of the pavilion. Alger Soil Conservation District contract was signed. A new bridge will be installed by Forest Service on Lost Lake Road. A group of homeowners from Lost Lake area may approach board for a special assessment for roads in that area. Bladder tank on pump at recreation area had to be replaced. Extra testing needs to be done on water because of this. Talked to Derrick at Alltel. There is a cell phone tower going up between Christmas and AuTrain. He is working on getting one toward Shingleton and then one down on H-13. Then hopefully our township will have better coverage.

Unfinished Business: A: Cable America Franchise: We received the first check for \$9,628.08 from Charter Communications for franchise fees. Supervisor Wilson has tried to contact Cable America who took over Grove Cable in Shingleton to get a franchise contract signed with them. He has not received a response. He will try another time and then we will begin to deal through the lawyer.

New Business: A: Bowman Gas Program: Bowman offered a couple of options for our gas usage at the Shingleton Hall. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we go with program 2 option 2 for our purchase. We will pay \$2.59 up front for 1100 gallons of propane to be used until April of 2009. Credit will be given for any gallons not used. Motion carried.** B: Foreclosed property in township. There is another foreclosed property in Shingleton and the township has the opportunity to purchase it. **Since it would probably cost the township more money to purchase and clean it up that we could get to then resell the property a motion was made by Howard and seconded by Ahlborn to pass on purchasing the property. Motion carried.** C: Swing Set: The swing set at the Township Office Complex needs much repair as the chains are worn and the frame has bent poles from snow removal. **Motion Balko/Second Fulcher that Ron Bell take care of contacting someone to disassemble and remove swing set. Motion carried.** D: Zoning Ordinance amendment: Our zoning ordinance has been reviewed by our planning commission and some amendments have been made. As required, the

County Board is reviewing the ordinance now. After township approval it needs to be published and will take effect 15 days after publication. **A resolution was offered by Fulcher and supported by Ahlborn to adopt the Munising Township Planning act as amended. Roll call vote: Fulcher-yes, Howard-yes, Ahlborn-yes, Balko-yes, Wilson-yes. All yes, no nay. Supervisor declared resolution passes.**
E: Poverty Exemption Ordinance: A resolution was offered by Fulcher and supported by Howard to accept the Poverty Exemption guidelines and hardship exemption application. Roll call vote: Howard-yes, Ahlborn-yes, Balko-yes, Wilson-yes, Fulcher-yes. All yes, no nay, Wilson declared the resolution passed.
F: Cleaning of Shingleton Hall: Clerk would like to have the Shingleton Hall cleaned good before the next election. Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher to have the Shingleton Hall cleaned before the August election. Motion carried.
G: CUPPAD membership dues: Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that we pay \$625.00 membership dues to CUPPAD. Motion carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: Policy committee met and will have a report next month on cemetery ordinance.

Public Comment: Ron Bell asked what we would like to do with the area between the sidewalks, pavilion and parking lot at the rec area. Consensus of the board to have it landscaped.

Building Report: Tax collection on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. WEquiltMORE group on the afternoon of the 15th and 29th. Private rentals on the 5th and 12th. Planning Commission on the 9th at 6:30. Policy committee at 6:00 on the 16th. Board of Review 9-11 morning of the 22nd. Public Accuracy testing at 10:30 on the 24th. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$12,566.41. Disbursements: \$27,866.01, \$17,969.94 and \$8,517.00. Balance General Fund: \$39.23. Balance Savings Account: \$56,962.13. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 7649 through 7717 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Due to the August election next meeting date is August 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor