

## **Munising Township Regular Board Meeting March 4, 2008 7:00-8:20 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Board members present: Fulcher, Ahlborn, Wilson, Balko, Howard. Absent: None. Visitors: Jolene Hetherington, Autumn Jauck, Marc Schwengel, Charles Starzyk, Ron Bell, Janet Miron, Ken McPherson, Harold Anderson. Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that the minutes of the February meeting and February budget workshop be approved. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:** Transportation Asset Management meeting in Marquette on May 21st, DEQ availability of Coastal Management grants, Census bureau open house in Detroit on March 31st, Hannula Agency-insurance review, due in May. Will request them to attend our April meeting.

**Supervisor's Correspondence:** Heartwood Forest will be asking for a reduction in what they pay for CFR property, Road Commission-pre-construction meeting for Prospect Street on March 12th.

**Requested Items:** **A:** Zoning Administrator- absent but Wilson stated that things are going well. CUPPAD will be at the Planning Commission's March meeting. Revised ordinance should be ready by summer. Next step is to develop a master plan. Assessor: This is the first year in quite some time that our roll has been done correctly and not done by just applying a factor. There have been and will be allot of questions from property owners. **B.** Autumn Jauck-Animal Shelter: Autumn is the new president of the Animal Shelter. The city of Munising provides \$325 a month to the shelter. The shelter accepts animals from the whole county. They are requesting \$300 for a yearly contribution from our township to help run the shelter. We cannot donate to things but we can contract for services. We will review request at our April 1st meeting.

**Fire Department:** There were no fires in February. Chief filled out and Insurance Services Organization review questionnaire-with the purchase of our new truck, we may get a new insurance rating and residents may get a better insurance rate on their homeowners insurance. Fire department Christmas party was held and well attended.

**Clerk's Report:** Filled out a questionnaire for NMU on local government- board makeup, benefits, township information. Been attending frequent Parks & Rec meetings-developing a new strategic plan, old one expired in 2002. Budget update-most categories are fine but we need to move monies to tax distribution. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we transfer \$3,000 from recreation to tax distribution. Motion carried.** MTA is holding a workshop on cemeteries and one on elections in Marquette on April 16th. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we register two people for both workshops. Motion carried.**

**Supervisor's Report:** Working with Cable America on a franchise agreement. Attended meeting about proposed Greenhouse business. If they choose to locate in Grand Island Township we could help with developing and IFT for them. Title for new firetruck is here. Now have a quit claim deed from the Forestry for the cemetery property.

**Unfinished Business:** **A:** Street light in Shingleton. Ken McPherson reported that the school bus stops at three houses on Mill Street. There is no need for a street light at this time. **B:** Off Road Association: Looking for township support to improve trail 8 snowmobile trail for off road vehicles. It was stated that vehicles would not need an ORV sticker to ride the trails. Feeling a need for more information: **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher to table request until April. Motion carried. Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that we add item C to new business: appoint Howard to Industrial park board. Motion carried.**

**New Business:** **A:** Pavilion specs for bid request: **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we put bid**

**request for pavilion in Munising News. Bids to be in by March 28th. Motion carried. B:** Munising Bay Arts: Request for contributions for Grandparents appreciation dinner that will be held on April 17th. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we table request until our April meeting so more research can be done. Motion carried. C:** Industrial Park board appointment: **Motion Fulcher/second Ahlborn that Howard be reappointed to the Industrial Park Board. Motion carried.**

**Committee/Policy Reports:** None

**Public Comment:** Charles Starzyk commented that someone did a survey and on that particular afternoon 40 people had used the Sand Point boardwalk and none had used the McQuisten Rec area one. Normally this boardwalk is frequently used.

**Building Report:** There was sewer problems in the building again. Trudell worked on it. Need to check further in the spring to get problem corrected. Organization BOR meeting was held today as well as quilting group meeting in the afternoon. Public BOR on the 10th and 11th, Planning Commission on the 12th, MSU all day on the 13th, Wetmore Club on the 17th, Quilters on the 18th, a shower on the 22nd, Annual meeting on the 25th, DNR on the 29th, 30th and 31st. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts: \$8,627.64. Disbursements: \$24,033.19 and \$861.00. Balance general fund: \$1,599.74. Balance savings account: \$93,198.74. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

**Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 7347 through 7407 be paid. Motion carried.**

**Motion Ahlborn/Second Balko that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Next meeting date: March 25, 2008 Annual meeting and April 1, 2008 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Selina Balko, Clerk

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Dan Wilson, Supervisor