

## **Munising Township Regular Board Meeting May 8, 2008 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Board members present: Ahlborn, Balko, Wilson, Fulcher, Howard. Absent: None. Visitors: Janet Miron, Ron Bell, Harold Anderson, Bob Balko, Ken McPherson, Barry Hoover, Danita Rask, Elizabeth Coyne, Charles Starzyk. Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Clerk's Correspondence:** DEQ permit to Besse Forests to construct a temporary bridge over Mosquito River for logging purposes.

**Supervisor's Correspondence:** MTA Spring meetings in Escanaba this year, UPPCO letter on legal battle over rates, Alger Democrat,

**Requested Items:** **A:** Zoning administrator: absent. Building permits are starting to come in. Dealing with some blight/zoning complaints. **B:** Alger Soil Conservation District: Danita Rask for Alger Soil Conservation District looking for an extension of a loan for \$7,000.00 granted by the township years ago to help provide funds needed for the Munising Bay Watershed Grant. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we grant a loan extension to the Soil Conservation District for one more year. Motion carried.** District is also looking for financial support for future projects that the district is working on. We need to sign a Contract of Services with them. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher to table signing contract until next month after we can review the budget more. Motion carried.**

**Fire Department:** May be bringing on a couple more firemen. Need to order turnout gear for a present firemen. There were two fires, one being a mutual aid for AuTrain Township.

**Clerk's Report:** Clerk and Deputy attended MTA election training at NMU. Came back with some good ideas and passed them along to other clerks at our last meeting. May election was on Tuesday, voter turnout in our township was 12.3%. Auditors will be here the week of May 19th.

**Supervisor's Report:** Cleary has bid for pavilion and should be starting soon. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that Wilson attend an assessor class at the Soo on the 29th. Motion carried.** Dust control will be here on May 22nd-23rd. Some vandalism in Shingleton has been taken care of. Wilson and Bell attended cemetery meeting in Marquette put on by MTA. Wood Island Landfill held a public hearing at our hall.

**Unfinished Business:** **A:** Little league fence protectors: Need protectors for the tops of the little league fences at both fields. Will cost around \$1,500.00. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Howard that Wilson order fence protectors for both fields. Motion carried.** **B:** Cemetery Ordinance: Wilson and Bell attended a meeting on cemeteries and found out we need to have a cemetery ordinance. We were given a sample to look over during the month and it will be put back on the agenda for next month.

**New Business:** **A:** Township Web Site : More and more townships are developing their own web sites. Are we ready to have one for Munising Township? **Motion Ahlborn/Second Howard that we explore developing a township website. Motion carried.** **B.** Weatherizing of boardwalk: **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that we table weatherization of boardwalk until Wilson gathers more information on what needs to be done. Motion carried.** **C.** Circuit Court Petition/Fee: We need to petition Circuit Court in order to take uncollected personal property tax off the tax roll. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we take necessary steps to petition the court to get uncollected personal property off the tax roll. Motion carried.** **D.** Port-A-Johns: **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we get four port a johns for the summer months, three for Wetmore and one for**

**Shingleton. Motion carried. E. Rental Policy:** Do we charge rental fees for benefit dinners? **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that we revise rental policy to allow free rental for benefit dinners. Motion carried. F. Gas purchase policy:** Supervisor Wilson and Chief Anderson will work with BP to get more consistent billing and records of gas purchases.

**Committee/Policy Reports:** We are all hearing blight complaints on a car repair business on M28. Shauver and Wilson are working with him as well as a with a property owner on Connors Road.

**Public Comment:** Ken McPherson: Township/City spring clean up will be held on May 17th. Residents can haul garbage to the landfill for half the cost of normal with the township and landfill picking up the other half. This year anything with freeon can be brought free of charge and small tires will be collected at \$1.00 each and large at \$3.50 each.

**Building Report:** Chris Ochman afternoon of May 10th, Jeff Seaberg evening of May 10th, Planning Commission evening of May 14th, Sue Passinault afternoon of May 17th, Marcia Dolkey afternoon of the 18th, Audit week of the 19th, Quilt group afternoon of the 20th, Lori Ollila evening of the 23rd, Norma Harger afternoon of the 24th, Pam Livermore afternoon of the 25th, Brenda Watson evening of the 28th. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts: \$5,554.46 Disbursements: \$64,058.75 and \$8,517.00 Balance savings account: \$92,490.85 Balance General Fund: \$5.83. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

**Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 7479 through 7576 be paid. Motion carried.**

**Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Next meeting June 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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Selina Balko, Clerk

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Dan Wilson, Supervisor