

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting October 7, 2008 7:00-8:20 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: Ahlborn, Balko, Wilson, Fulcher, Howard. Absent: None. Visitors: Janet Miron, Harold Anderson, Charles Starzyk, Ron Bell, Ken McPherson. 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 the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting be approved as amended. Motion under Unfinished business should read tabled until instead of table till. Motion carried.**

Clerk's Correspondence: DEQ- permit for U S Fish and Wildlife Service to do repair work on cement lamprey barrier on the Miners River. CUPPAD- Schoolcraft is developing a master plan. They will send a copy for comments once it is in draft form.

Supervisor's Correspondence: Dept of Treasury saying that we should be collecting a 1% administration fee when collecting taxes. We do this already. 10 year transmission system assignment showing things that have been done in the U P. Charter on channel lineup.

Requested Items: **A:** Zoning administrator: Mr Shauver was absent but Wilson reported that building permits are slowing down. Percy Road gravel pit is still an ongoing subject. **B:** Fire Department: Chief Anderson said that the vacuum tanker was taken to Chatham to a training session. During fire safety week a couple of our men went to the school with one of our trucks along with the city and one of their trucks. The back up camera was installed on the freight liner and some fender guides were purchased for the truck. Chief to talk to guys about making sure they cash their fire checks in a timely manner.

Clerk's Report: Preparing for election. Have sent around 70 absentee ballots already. Needed to purchase four more voting booths because the state recommends one booth per every one hundred voters for the General Election instead of one per every three hundred voters. Filled out several tax exempt certificated for different companies that we make purchases from. This needs to be done every four years. There were several problems during a rental of the building on Saturday night. There was an odor from the vault floor being sealed, circuit breaker blew, back door jammed and oven didn't work well. **Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn that money be refunded to renters from Saturday night due to the problems with the building. Motion carried.** Clerk will give a list of all board members for building users to contact should a problem occur during a rental in the future. Hers is the only name on the list right now.

Supervisor's Report: Handled FOIA request about LaKosky property. There is a new warden coming to Alger Max. After being contacted about blight problem Picklemans have not put another for sale sign up at the corner store. Grant check from the state for the rec area is in the mail. Mick's will be stopping in to check on air conditioning for the building. An electrician will be coming to put in another circuit breaker for the kitchen area.

Unfinished Business: **A:** Cemetery ordinance: Howard with a question on ashes and child burials. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher that the cemetery ordinance be tabled until the December meeting. Motion carried.** **B:** Dehumidifier for fire hall side. We need a dehumidifier for the fire hall side of the building because the trucks and some equipment is starting to rust due to high humidity on that side. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that Chief Anderson purchase a dehumidifier for under \$500.00. Motion carried.**

New Business: **A:** Special assessment for Lost Lake Road: Supervisor to meet with Lost Lake group to explain township's position on road projects right now. There is no money in the budget right now for road projects. **B:** Proposal for pavilion: Three options were given for finishing the columns at the pavilion. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Howard that the pavilion column discussion be tabled until February. Motion carried.** **C: ORV Ordinance options:** Townships may now pass their own ORV ordinance. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we leave the ORV**

ordinance with the county like it is now. Motion carried.

Committee/Policy reports: Howard supplied us with notes taken at the Regional Committee meeting which was held last week. The industrial park committee is working with an interested party on a proposed salvage facility.

Public Comment: Ken McPherson: Has the township considered electronic transfers for check writing? We are not ready to do this at this time. Fire Chief to remind firemen to cash checks. Ron Bell: The water system was winterized at the rec area last weekend.

Building Report: Scouts met here on the 1st and will meet again for a lock in on the 11th. Quilt group met today and will be back on the 21st. There were two private rentals this past weekend. October 8th- planning commission at 6:30, MSU evening of the 17th, Wetmore Community Club evening of the 20th. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

Treasurer's Report: Disbursements: \$21,785.89. Receipts: \$47,966.00. Balance General Fund: \$90.21. Balance Savings Account: \$\$68,682.67. Treasurer Fulcher will be on vacation from November 5th through the 11th. Her deputy will take over during this time. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 7870 through 7937 be paid as funds become available.

Motion carried.

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

Next meeting date : Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:00. Meeting on Thursday night because of election on Tuesday.

Respectfully submitted,

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor