

## **Munising Township Regular Board Meeting - February 3, 2009 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Board members present: Trustee Lisa Howard, Trustee Wally Ahlborn, Clerk Selina Balko, Supervisor Dan Wilson, Treasurer Bonnie Fulcher. Absent: None. Visitors: Ron Bell, Janet Miron, Harold Anderson, Ken McPherson and Mike Tackett. 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 January meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:** Alger Delta Power Company: public hearing on rate increases. Census Bureau questionnaire. DEQ information on coastal grants.

**Supervisor's Correspondence:** American Transmission sent a map on where the power line upgrades will be next year. Stimulus package information,

**Requested Items:** Mike Tackett from MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan) gave a presentation on what kind of retirement programs MERS can offer our township. We will explore all of our options over the next few months and then decide how we want to manage our retirement accounts.

**Fire Department:** Need to rotate Ron Harris and Mike Johnson off of the fire department. Chief Anderson ordered some signs that can be used when assisting at auto accidents. There was one fire call in January.

**Clerk's Report:** Was absent most of the month of January. Filled out a detailed post election questionnaire. The February 24th election is off again. Budget update. Budget is not in balance right now mostly because of being new with the QuickBooks program. Will have Mike from Anderson, Tackman come to help again sometime soon. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn to move \$20,000.00 from Parks and Rec to the fire department and \$5,000.00 from Parks and Rec to Roads. Motion carried.**

**Supervisor's Report:** Working on retirement plan options. Need a rep for CUPPAD. **Motion Ahlborn/Second Fulcher to appoint Dan Wilson to the CUPPAD board for two years. Motion carried.** Information from the state to give to people that call because of a 4.4% increase on tax assessments this year. There will be questions asked so the state provided links to websites that explains this.

**Unfinished Business:** **A:** Cemetery Ordinance: We reviewed the ordinance with changes noted. More discussion and changes were suggested. Janet will make these changes and get copies to everyone again for next month. **B:** Pavilion options for columns. **Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn to table this till March meeting. Motion carried.**

**New Business:** **A:** Township Master Plan: The township needs to develop a master plan. **Motion Howard/Second Fulcher that the Township proceed with the development of a Master Plan. Motion carried.** The planning commission will work with CUPPAD to develop the plan. This will cost around \$6,000.00. Planning commission chairman Joe Lindquist provided a report of planning commission business over the last year. **B:** Road Millage Request: **A resolution was offered by Howard and seconded by Fulcher to adopt the road millage language asking for two mills for five years to be put on the May 5th ballot. Roll call vote: Wilson-yes, Fulcher-yes, Howard-yes, Ahlborn-yes, Balko-yes. All yes, no nay. Supervisor declared the resolution passes.**

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**C:** Annual Wage Resolution: **A resolution was offered by Howard and seconded by Ahlborn that**

**salaries for township officials will remain the same for 2009/2010 budget year. Roll call vote: Fulcher-yes, Howard-yes, Ahlborn-yes, Balko-yes, Wilson-yes. All yes, no nay. Supervisor Wilson declared the resolution passed. D:** Business account for Lowes: The Township was contacted to see if we were interested in opening an account at the new Lowes store in Marquette. Consensus of the board that we are not interested at this time. **E:** Budget workshop: We will hold a budget workshop on March 17th at 7:00 p.m.

**Committee/Policy Reports:** Janet Miron representing the quilting group that meets at the hall on Tuesdays asked if they could use the cupboard under the microwave to store a few items. This is fine. Janet also presented the board with a copy of changes made to the policy book. We will take them home and come back with suggestions/approval next month.

**Public Comment:** None

**Building Report:** Tax collection on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 1:00-5:00 as well as on Saturday, February 28th from 9am-5pm. Quilters on the first and third Tuesday afternoons. Football team on the 7th. Planning Commission at 6:30 on the 11th. Private rental afternoon of the 15th. Wetmore Club evening of the 16th. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts: \$101,963.43. Disbursements: \$18,488.38. Balance General Fund: \$110.34. Balance Savings Account: \$143,369.22. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

**Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 8159 through 8216 be paid. Motion carried.**

**Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we be adjourned. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Next meeting date: March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Selina Balko, Clerk

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Dan Wilson, Supervisor