

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting - March 2, 2010 - 7:00-8:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: Treasurer-Bonnie Fulcher, Trustee-Wally Ahlborn, Trustee-Lisa Howard, Clerk-Selina Balko, Supervisor-Dan Wilson. Absent: None. Visitors: Deb Fulcher, Janet Miron, Ron Bell, Charles Starzyk, Harold Anderson and Tim Flynn. Supervisor Wilson opened the March meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion Fulcher/Second Ahlborn to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: None

Supervisor's Correspondence: letter from a chloride carrier looking to bid on dust control. census take 10 packet to help track area participation rate, MTA, DNRE letter about Cusino site contamination.

Requested Items: **A:** Parks & Rec: Deb Fulcher: Deb gave an annual report on Parks & Rec and thanked the Township for our continued support. Since Central School had to be closed and students moved into the Mather building, Parks & Rec had to move again. They are now in the Kelly building on Superior Street. While they seem to be more accessible now, monthly bills are higher since rent is higher, now pay for internet service and have to rent a storage unit since this office is smaller and does not have storage area. The fitness center is doing well and available seven days a week. Trying to stay affordable both for participants and partners. **B.** Fire Department: Chief Anderson said that he needs to take his computer back in to be worked on again.

Clerk's Report: There is a school election on May 4th. Election Commission will have to meet before the township meeting in April. An election inspector school will be held on Monday, March 15th with a clerk's meeting to follow. Mike Grentz from Anderson Tackman will be here with more QuickBooks training on the 16th.

Supervisor's Report: Sent AT&T requested information for putting up a cell phone tower in our township. Talked with Hannula about physical requirements for firemen. He said to keep doing what we are doing until we hear otherwise. Completed a boundary questionnaire for the census department. BOR attended training in Escanaba.

Unfinished Business: Review Sheriff Department's SOP: Per our lawyer, in order for the township to be able to collect from auto insurance companies when our fire department responds to auto accidents we need to have an intergovernmental agreement between our township and the county. Right now there is a standard operating procedures agreement between our fire department and the sheriffs department. We need to review this agreement and see if it would work as an intergovernmental agreement. We will discuss this at other meetings.

New Business: **A:** Miller Canfield Proposal: We will soon reach the 45 day mark from when we published our proposal in the newspaper to bond for our road projects. This was the time needed for someone to respond against bonding for the project. The interest rate to bond should be around 4 or 5% and Miller Canfield fees will be around \$7,500.00. We will save on the total costs by being able to do them in quicker order. Hope to have a contract for the April meeting. **B:** Airport proposal: John Madigan asked if the township still has land to be able to trade with the forestry for the airport. We do have land that we are using to work with them already to gain more property for our cemetery. Maybe it all could be worked out together. Wilson to keep working on this. There is a meeting on the 12th regarding this.

Committee/Policy Reports: Wally Ahlborn reported that the latest chapter of the master plan is ready

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to be reviewed. They are hoping to be done with this by fall.

Public Comment: Tim Flynn commented that he attended a recent Planning Commission Meeting. He thinks the planning commission and the township board are both doing fine jobs. He feels that some quicker action needs to be taken though to control the growth in our township, especially along the M28 corridor. A second concern is with ICS automotive. A conditional use permit stipulated that an application must be renewed annually. ICS permit expired in November. He wants to know who is in charge of monitoring this? Thinks that this needs to be addressed.

Building Report: Bonnie collected taxes on the 1st from 9-5. Quilters meet at 1:00 on Tuesdays the 2nd, 16th and 30th. Township meeting tonight. Board of Review met today from 9-11 and will meet on Monday the 8th from 9-3, Tuesday from 3-9 and Monday the 22nd from 9-11. Craft show from 9-4 on Saturday the 6th. Private rentals on the 7th, 13th, 14th, and 20th. Election training and clerk meeting on Monday the 15th at 10am. Wetmore Club at 7 p.m. on Monday the 15th. Budget workshop at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 16th. Parks and Rec at noon on Thursday the 18th. MSU all day on Friday the 19th. National Quilt Day show 9-4 on Saturday the 20th. Township annual meeting at 7:00p.m. on Tuesday the 30th. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$16,929,65. Disbursements: \$29,248.07 and \$1,210.33. Balance savings account: \$142,834.93. Balance general fund: \$118.68. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 8995 through 9056 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion Fulcher/Second Howard that we be adjourned. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meetings: March 16, 2010 budget workshop - March 30, 2010 annual meeting and April 6, 2010 regular township meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor