

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 7:00 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.**

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**Roll Call:**

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Treasurer—Nicole Graves, Trustee—Selina Balko, and Trustee—Carmon Decet. Also, present: Assistant Fire Chief—Bob Balko, Janet Miron, Dave Nelson, Fred Burley, and Neal Simmons (Munising News).

Supervisor Howard opened our April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:**

Comment was received from one person regarding condition of Olson Road.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **approve minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Township Board meeting with no corrections.** Carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:**

Received correspondence from companies promoting their election machines; Anderson, Tackman & Company – April 2017 Tax & Business Alert; The Par Plan News – March 2017 issue covering playground exposures; Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore – park set visitation record in 2016 with more than 750,000 visits (It was the park's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the National Park Service's centennial year.).

**Supervisor's Correspondence:**

Charter – Eliminating and relocating channels; CUPPAD – Rural Transportation Planning Process meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>; and CUPPAD – “Prosperous Places” grant program between \$500-\$5,000 (June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline).

**Requested Items:**

A: Fire Department – Working on specs for new truck.

**Clerk's Report:**

Willson reported that she filled out and returned the Contact Information Update Form for the US Census Bureau. Clerks from throughout Alger County will be meeting here at the hall on April 18<sup>th</sup> for a voting machine demonstration. We got a preview of our website homepage and our logo and both are looking good so far. Received bill for our munisingtownship.org domain (iDNS). Our payroll service renews April 11<sup>th</sup>. Our road bond “interest” payment is due May 1<sup>st</sup> (\$3,897.50). Our current outstanding balance is \$375,000. Our “principle” payment of \$125,000 is due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Support request from Alger County Board of Commissioners for “fuel and tractor repairs in 2017” in the amount of \$800.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Howard reported receiving a request for a “Spot Lake Road” sign. Roger purchased sign. Received a notice of bankruptcy filing for Goodman Networks Inc. and certain affiliates. Sent to lawyer, and doesn't affect us. Completed U of M / MTA Public Policy Survey. Received letter from DEQ stating they have approved a Landfill Gas Plan for Wood Island Landfill. Working on job descriptions. Alger Parks and Recreation received an Alger Regional Community Foundation Grant, in the amount of \$2,397, to fix up our sand volleyball court.

**Unfinished Business:**

A: Discuss Blight Ordinance—Lawyer is still looking over our ordinance and making changes.  
B: Website update—Homepage is coming along nicely. Will continue working on the pages corresponding to the navigation list. Our logo design is almost complete with a couple minor changes.

**New Business:**

Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **amend the agenda to include “H”, Approve Budget Amendment from 2016-17.** Carried.

A: Consider support for Tri-County Fire Department—Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **appropriate \$1,500 to Tri County Fire Department.** Carried.

B: Consider support for Senior All Night Party Committee—Moved Decet/seconded Graves to **appropriate \$300 to Senior All Night Party Committee.** Carried.

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- C: Consider support for Airport mowing—Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **appropriate up to \$800 for the airport mowing and tractor repairs**. Carried
- D: Consider Board & Deputy Training Compensation—Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **pay board members and deputy's \$13.00 per hour while attending training/workshops**. Carried.
- E: Consider Committee compensation for Board Members—Moved Howard/seconded Balko to **pay board members as per the committee they are sitting on, the same as the committee they are sitting on**. Carried.
- F: Approve Road Bond Interest Payment—Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **approve paying the road bond interest in the amount of \$3,897.50**. Carried.
- G: Consider purchase of vacuum cleaner—Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **approve up to \$500 for a new vacuum**. Carried.
- H: Approve Budget Amendment from 2016-17—Moved Balko/seconded Howard to **decrease Township Board's "Miscellaneous" by \$100, and increase Township Board's "Mileage" by \$100**. Carried.

**Committee/Policy Reports:**

Comment was received by two persons regarding the Industrial Park Board, Landfill Authority, and Board of Review.

**Public Comment:**

Comment was received by one person regarding signs on North and South Townline Lake Road.

**Building Report:**

Township Meeting on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Quilters on Tuesdays the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Zoning Board on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Democratic Party on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Quilt Guild (MBQG) on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Wetmore Community Club on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Alger County Clerks Meeting (new voting machine demonstration) on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Alger SORVA on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Private rental on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance Savings (3/1/17): \$453,004.46. Receipts: \$35,111.39. Disbursements: \$25,828.05. Balance Savings (4/1/17): \$462,287.80. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$406,341.92. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$147,635.48. Balance Recreation Fund: \$14,995.92. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$24,657.96. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,098.41. Balance General Fund: \$286.45.

Huntington Bank—CD matures on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Amount is \$11,711. Interest rate available is .5% interest.

**Pay Bills:**

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills numbered 5042 through 5103**. Carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

**Adjournment:**

Moved Decet/seconded Graves, to **adjourn**. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk.

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Patty Willson, Township Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor