

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 7th, 2017 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Treasurer—Nicole Graves, Trustee—Carmon Decet, and Trustee—Selina Balko. Also, present: Assistant Fire Chief Bob Balko, Roger Carlson, Patty Elvetici, Janet Miron, Ed Balko, Rosemary Balko, Kathy Nord, Linda Schwake, Keith Ozoga, Janice Ozoga, Joanne Segerstrom, John Ozoga, Fred Burley, and Jim Becks.

Supervisor Howard opened our August 7th, 2017 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Comments were received by several persons regarding auto repair facility AND U-Haul rental business potentially moving to residentially zoned area. Comments were also received regarding the condition of Olson Road, possibility of Dollar General coming to town, and blight.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of July 5th, 2017, Township Board meeting with no corrections.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received advertising for voting equipment and supplies from Election Source; Tax & Business Alert, July 2017 edition from Anderson, Tackman & Company; re-order form from QuickBooks regarding W-2 and 1099 forms for 2017; and an email notification pertaining to the cost of Senior Passes increasing from \$10 to \$80 from National Park Service.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received notice of hearing from DTE Gas Company for reviewing its Energy Waste Reduction Plan in Lansing on August 15th; and Notice from Charter Communications that they are increasing receiver cost from \$4.99 to \$5.99 and increasing the TV surcharge from \$6.05 to \$7.50.

Requested Items:

A: Fire Department – Still waiting to hear if fire department got the grant for air packs. Used equipment is available. We will need 15 air packs, and two bottles for each one.

Clerk's Report:

Election Day tomorrow. Issued 76 AV Ballots this election with 78% returned. Working on completing the 10-page Polling Place Accessibility Worksheet. Audit went well, they finished in 4 days; expect draft in the next couple months. Monthly Township Law E-Letter from Fahey in your packets. Received copy of the bill issued to the State of MI pertaining to new election equipment and supplies. Total cost to cover all precincts within Alger County approximately \$87,000. New machines 100% paid for. Maintenance costs included during first 5 years. During years 6 through 10, maintenance costs will be \$990 annually. Expect to pay \$660 to program cards for every election.

Supervisor's Report:

Filled out Community Contact Form for Charter Communications. Completed survey for International City/County Management Association. Attended election public accuracy test July 12th, Board of Review July 18th, and Sustainable Ecotourism Organization meeting July 27th. There was a FEMA Floodplain map workshop on August 1st that I did not attend (no flood planes in twp.). Next Regional Government meeting August 23rd, 5 pm, Trenary Town Hall. Located 2 companies that resurface outdoor tennis and basketball courts; Arnt Asphalt in Escanaba and JCS Inc in Baraga.

Unfinished Business:

A: Website Update—Website is almost complete! Clerk is ready to be trained and take over control. Supervisor thanked Clerk for all her hard work.

B: AItran Request for Support—Moved Decet/seconded Graves to **provide \$8,000 this FY.** Carried

C: Blight Complaints—The DEQ released the property that we tabled last month, and the other property is cleaned up and is no longer an issue. Of the two we pursued, Johnson Rd. and Cherry St., notices were delivered and there has been no change; therefore, the civil infraction process will begin. Still waiting to hear from the Building Inspector on three properties.

D: Consider gravel on .4 mi of Old Indian Town Rd. and Miller Road Extension—Estimated cost to gravel Old Indian Town Rd is \$10,890 (50% Township cost is \$5,445) and Miller is \$7,650 (50%

Township cost is \$3,825.00). Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **proceed with the graveling of Miller Road and Old Indian Town Road with the funds to come from "Road Projects", under Roads.** Carried.

New Business:

- A: Discuss Zoning Administrator position—Supervisor asked Decet to continue as Zoning Administrator for another month, especially during the busy season, until we get more applicants. Tabled.
- B: Discuss training reimbursement—Board discussed offering bonuses to our volunteer firemen after completion of initial fire training. Moved Decet/seconded Balko we **provide a \$500 bonus of reimbursement to all firemen that successfully pass the Fire Fighter One class.** Carried. Board also discussed the amount of ongoing training needed and the potential cost of training 25-30 firemen, and whether firemen should be paid for ongoing training. Tabled until more information is gathered.
- C: Discuss adopting Public Inspection & Copying of Assessing Records Policy—A resolution was offered by Balko/supported by Decet to **adopt the Public Inspection and Copying of Assessing Records Policy.** Roll call vote: Graves—yes, Howard—yes, Willson—yes, Balko—yes, and Decet—yes. 5 yes, 0 nay. Howard declared the resolution passed.
- D: Discuss basketball courts and recreation area—Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **proceed with obtaining bids for re-surfacing the basketball courts.** Carried. Board discussed the weeds and need for grass at the recreation area and would like to entertain budgetary bids for a sprinkler system.
- E: Consider new computer for Clerk—Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **allow clerk to purchase a new computer for up to \$4,000.** Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Board discussed the recycling opportunities in the Munising area.

Public Comment:

Comment was received regarding culvert blockage concerns and explanation of conditional use permits.

Building Report:

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| 1 | WeQUILTmore 1:00 p.m. | 29 | WeQUILTmore 1:00 p.m. |
| 7 | Township Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 29 | Alger SORVA 6:30 p.m. |
| 8 | ELECTION DAY | | |
| 10 | MBQG 6:00 p.m. | Pavilion reserved on 19 th , 20 th , and 27 th of August. | |
| 15 | WeQUILTmore 1:00 p.m. | | |

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (7/1/17): \$350,150.64. Receipts: \$39,629.17. Disbursements: \$26,183.99. Balance Savings (7/31/17): \$363,595.82. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$412,360.41. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$156,461.03. Balance Recreation Fund: \$15,014.52. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$21,784.80. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,107.13. Balance General Fund: \$429.53.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Graves, to **pay bills numbered 5313 through 5372.** Carried.

Next Meeting:

Due to Labor Day being on Monday, the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex. Our office is closed Monday, September 4th, 2017.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Howard, to **adjourn.** Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk.