

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 4th, 2017 7:00 p.m. – 8:43 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, Janet Miron, Dave Nelson, Mike Tietjen, and April Lark.

Supervisor Howard opened our December 4th, 2017 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of November 6th, 2017, Township Board meeting with a correction to the paid bills; should be to pay bills numbered 5514 through 5577.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Clerk received Tax & Business Alert, October 2017 edition from Anderson, Tackman & Company; Thanksgiving card from A. Rifkin Co.; Quarterly Newsletter from Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks; Fall update from Michigan Railroads Association; and a card from Township's attorney.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Supervisor received notice from UPPCO of a public hearing on December 5th, in Lansing, regarding depreciation rates and practices; support request letter from Friends of Valley Spur; meeting notice of the 12A Rural Task Force for Alger-Marquette-Schoolcraft to be held at the ACRC on December 14th, at 10:00 a.m.; and a letter from our attorney notifying us of a rate increase.

Requested Items:

A: Zoning Administrator: Submitted report. Attended solar energy workshop in Traverse City.
B: Fire Department: None.

Clerk's Report:

Township had a 39% voter turnout on Election Day (11/7 – Consolidated/Special General). The Munising Public Schools bonding proposal passed (871-yes/579-no). Township was closed November 9th due to a snow storm resulting in schools cancelling, closed the 10th for Veterans Day, closed the 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving. Ordered W-2's and 1099's. The draft minutes from last month's Planning Commission meeting are in board packets.

Supervisor's Report:

ACRC opened the culvert under FFH-13 on Friday, November 3rd, which resulted in damage to our boardwalk. Supervisor attended the Planning Commission meeting on November 8th and plans to attend the Regional Government meeting in Burt Township this Wednesday, December 6th, at 5:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

A: Blight Complaints: Wrapping up until Spring and will provide updates as needed.
B: Road Priority List: Industrial Park Road removed from the list. Board discussed the Road Priority List and agreed to table the draft and continue to gather more information.
C: Chamber of Commerce Support Request: Moved Willson/Seconded Graves to **provide \$4000 support to Alger County Chamber of Commerce.** Carried.

New Business:

A: Consider Office Closures around Holidays: Moved Decet/Seconded Balko to **close Township office December 25th, 26th, and January 1st.** Carried.
B: Consider Friends of Valley Spur Support Request: Moved Balko/Seconded Graves to **provide \$250 support to Friends of Valley Spur.** Carried.
C: Consider Supervisor Computer: Moved Balko/Seconded Decet to **approve a new computer for Supervisor for up to \$1,500.** Carried.
D: Consider Fire Department Air Pack Purchase: Chief Anderson provided information and recommendations. Current air packs are approximately 28 years old. Newer air packs would allow an extra margin of safety with more air available and added safety features. Moved Decet/Seconded Balko to **purchase 10 reconditioned air packs with spare bottles and accessories not to exceed \$40,000.** Carried.

E: Consider Budget Amendments: Moved Willson/Seconded Graves to decrease Township Board "Miscellaneous" by \$2,000.00, and increase Township Board's "Legal" by \$2,000; to decrease Elections "Miscellaneous" by \$1,000, and increase Township Board's "Education and Training" by \$1,000; to decrease Fire Department's "Supplies" by \$1,000, and increase Fire Department's "Telephone & Pager" by \$1,000; and to decrease Parks and Recreation's "Recreation Improvements" by \$2,000, and increase Planning Commission's "Salaries" by \$1,000 and "Education & Training" by \$500, and Zoning's "Education & Training" by \$500. Carried
F: Discuss Boardwalk Damage: Board discussed the status of insurance claim and parties' liable, DNR or ACRC.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Planning Commission—November 8th draft meeting minutes submitted.

Public Comment: None

Building Report:

4	Township Meeting 7:00 p.m.		
5	WeQUILTmore 6:00 p.m.		
12	Board of Review 9:00 a.m.	19	WeQUILTmore 6:00 p.m.
13	Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.	25	CLOSED – Christmas
14	Munising Bay Quilt Guild 6:00 p.m.	26	CLOSED
16	Private Rental	26	SORVA 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (11/1/17): \$345,714.99. Receipts: \$58,887.80. Disbursements: \$26,756.20. Balance Savings (11/30/17) \$377,846.59. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$403,663.99. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$32,606.42. Balance Recreation Fund: \$15,023.98. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$21,798.52. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,115.93. Balance General Fund: \$391.78.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to pay bills numbered 5578 through 5655. Carried.

Next Meeting:

January 2nd, 2017

Adjournment:

Moved Willson/seconded Howard, to adjourn. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor