

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 2nd, 2018 7:00 p.m. – 7:55 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 and Janet Miron.

Supervisor Howard opened our January 2nd, 2018 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

AED machine is now accessible in the township hall.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of December 4th, 2017, Township Board meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Clerk received a thank you card and a Christmas card from Roger Carlson, and Christmas cards from Fahrner, the Munising Downtown Development Authority, and Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Supervisor received notice from Charter of price increase effective December 12th and they are moving some channels between tiers. Received notice of Commercial Forest certificate approved for 144 acres near Tie Lake. Received a bid for a sprinkler system for McQuisten Park.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Report submitted.
- B. Fire Department: None.

Clerk's Report:

The amended minutes from the November 6th, 2017 meeting are in your packets. Received the Annual Payroll Information packet from Burnham & Flower pertaining to pension plan review. Filled out and returned the authorized users update for Menards account and updated township's attorney listing in the April Resource Directory issue of the Michigan Bar Journal.

Supervisor's Report:

Completed a Residential Land Use Regulation Survey. Attended the Board of Review meeting on December 12th, Planning Commission meeting on the 13th, and had a Parks & Rec meeting on the 14th. The Planning Commission has decided the meet twice a month starting in January. It is quite the process to revisit the whole Zoning Ordinance. I attended the Regional Government meeting in Grand Marais on December 19th. Submitted our 2017 Asset Forfeiture Report to the Michigan State Police. Received Swamp Tax of \$74,871.29 and Revenue Sharing of \$36,328.00. Received notice from Dan Stasewich that the county is not funding the Community Service Coordinator position.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Road Priority List: Board discussed and will try to project how much money will be left at the end of the millage.
- B. Discuss Boardwalk Damage: Willson has been in contact with insurance adjuster regarding the status of the claim, which is still pending, as well as our agent regarding future insurance coverage of the boardwalk. Board discussed the need for dredging around the culvert for better flow in and out. There are concerns about whether our insurance will cover the damages and, if not, who's responsible. Also, should we be concerned with the timeframe for contacting others who are liable? Willson will contact insurance company again regarding the claim. Willson will also request that an agent assess our property, in person, prior to May 7th when our policy renews.

New Business:

- A. Discuss bid for sprinkler system in McQuisten Park: Quote obtained from A-1 Water Systems, Inc. is \$8,895 to install underground sprinkling system in the play area. Board discussed additional cost to till and seed area and maybe add some trees.

- B. Discuss Federal Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions: Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2018, plus 25%**. Carried.
- C. Discuss Federal Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15th): Reminder that office is closed.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Planning Commission—December 13th draft meeting minutes submitted.

Public Comment:

Comment was received by Assistant Fire Chief that the State of Michigan is going to a new, scrambled, radio frequency. Current radios and pagers will no longer be supported. We currently have approximately 8 radios and 30 pagers that will need to be replaced.

Building Report:

1	CLOSED – New Year’s Day	15	CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2	WeQUILTmore 1:00 p.m.	15	Wetmore Community Club 6:30 p.m.
2	Township Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	WeQUILTmore 1:00 p.m.
6	Private Rental 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	24	Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.
10	Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.	30	SORVA 6:30 p.m.
11	Munising Bay Quilt Guild 6:00 p.m.	30	WeQUILTmore 1:00 p.m.
13	SORVA 7:00 p.m.		

Treasurer’s Report:

Balance Savings (12/1/17): \$377,846.59. Receipts: \$2,244.54. Disbursements: \$33,053.83. Balance Savings (12/31/17) \$347,037.30. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$402,286.97. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$32,609.10. Balance Recreation Fund: \$15,023.98. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$21,798.52. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,118.08. Balance General Fund: \$391.84.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 5656 through 5719, with check number 5708 voided**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

February 5th, 2018

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Graves, to **adjourn**. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

Patty Willson, Clerk

Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor