

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 7th, 2018 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Treasurer—Nicole Graves, Trustee—Selina Balko, and Trustee—Carmon Decet. Board Members Absent: None. Also, present: Assistant Fire Chief Bob Balko, Roger Carlson, Janet Miron, Ron Bell, Deb Carlson, Travis Colley, Paul Gaberdiel of DNR, Jen Heyrman, Wade Roberts, and Ken Orham of North Country Recycling.

Supervisor Howard opened our May 7th, 2018 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Jen Heyrman thanked us, on behalf of AITran, for our support.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **approve minutes of March 26th, 2018, Township Board special meeting**. Carried. Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **approve minutes of April 2nd, 2018, Township Board regular meeting**. Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received thank you card from AITran; 2018/19 election products catalog from PrintElect; catalog from Carrot-Top Industries; 2018 Official Election Mail kit; and draft Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) from the USDA/Hiawatha National Forest Service. Received a flyer from Michigan Assoc. of Municipal Cemeteries, Inc. (MAMC) regarding conference to be held August 15th-17th in Frankenmuth; flyer from U.P. Education Summit to be held June 6th-8th in Houghton; flyer from Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) regarding conference to be held June 19th-22nd in Traverse City. Michigan Townships Association (MTA) is holding sessions on June 26th and 27, in Frankenmuth, on the Fundamentals of Assessment & Taxation, and June 26th and July 31st, in Harris, on Cemetery Challenges & Solutions.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received notice from UPPCO of hearing on Tuesday, May 8th at 9 am to review its state reliability mechanism charge. Received information from CUPPAD about their Prosperous Places mini-grant program (McQuisten Park upgrades?). Grant application must be in by June 1 and will be awarded by July 1. Received proposed projects for the Hiawatha National Forest; notice from Wood Island Landfill that they will begin the process of capping their full cells; and request for support from Fourth of July Committee.

Requested Items:

- A. Hannula: Hannula reviewed our policy and recommended some changes. We will review those recommendations and discuss at next month's meeting.
- B. SORVA/DNR: SORVA and the DNR would like to work with us on an ORV connector at the Haywire/Coalwood Grade which crosses M-94, then goes North across railroad tracks to M-94/M-28 intersection. ORVs would then have access to the Tanglewood Inn restaurant and the snowmobile trail located off H-15, which is approximately .5 miles North of the M-28 intersection. Signage will help keep ORV's on the ORV designated trail and off the snowmobile trails that cross private property and are only used during snowmobile season. This connector would help open the trail to ORVs from Saint Ignace to the casino in Harvey.
- C. Zoning Administrator: Report submitted.
- D. Fire Department: Air packs installed this morning. Received specifications for the new truck (\$690,000). We could advertise the 2001 Pierce for approximately \$150,000.

Clerk's Report:

Received Property and Casualty Insurance renewal quote from Hannula (Michigan Township Participating Plan). Completed customer information update from Thomson Reuters. Received quarterly statements from John Hancock. Put a copy of the Township's 2018/19 General Appropriations Act in your packets. Filed the federal return for the 1st quarter. Received a letter from Tokio Marine stating that our insurance claim pertaining to the boardwalk was denied. Received our tax-exempt cards from OfficeMax and will receive a refund for the sales tax paid since opening account. Audit is scheduled for June 4th. Draft minutes from last month's Planning Commission meetings (4/11 & 4/25) and draft minutes from the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting (5/2) are in your packets. Zoning Administrator's report is in your packet. Township was closed April 16th and 17th due to a snowstorm and school being cancelled. Bureau of Elections staff will be here, at our hall, on May 16th at 9:00 a.m. for training.

Supervisor's Report:

Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales sent their price for dust control (\$.759 per gallon). Attended the last Planning Commission meeting. Representative from CUPPAD was there to answer questions. Completed a Michigan public policy survey. Attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Returned call from American Towers about extending their lease. Office will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day. The next Regional Government meeting is Wednesday, May 30th, at 5:00 p.m. in Trenary.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Road Priority List: Received an updated copy of the road priority list. ACRC would like to see Lost Lake Road chip-seal resurfaced this year. Supervisor submitted paperwork for the road millage request to be on the ballot in August.
- B. Discuss Boardwalk Damage: Mr. Gaberdiel, of the DNR, mentioned there are grants available for maintenance and repair, but with a deadline of May 1st, the boardwalk would be closed for the summer. DNR could help us with submitting a grant, if we want to go that route, or maybe with some manpower to dredge the area around the culverts. Board decided to contact attorney for direction.
- C. Discuss "Clean-Up Day": Clean-up date scheduled for May 19th, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

New Business:

- A. Discuss Recycling: Mr. Orham of North Country Recycling presented information. He has 123 Alger County residents on board so far. Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **move forward with the recycling for \$100 per month.** Carried.
- B. Discuss Support for Fourth of July Committee: Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **appropriate \$300 to Fourth of July Committee.** Carried.
- C. Discuss Parking Lot Repairs & Seal Coat: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **have Roger and David repair apron near entrance by removing approximate 12 x 16 section and pour new cement.** Carried. Board discussed accepting bids to re-seal parking lot until May 30th and will make decision at next month's meeting.
- D. Discuss Two Foreclosed Properties: Moved Willson/seconded Howard to **forego acceptance of foreclosed properties.** Carried.
- E. Discuss Renting Portable Toilets: Moved Howard/seconded Decet to **have Tri-County Septic deliver portable toilets to the park in Wetmore. This motion covers the delivery and removal of the portable toilets now and in the future, without separate motions, assuming the price doesn't change significantly.** Carried.
- F. Discuss Paving Olson Road: Moved Willson/seconded Balko to **pave Olson Road assuming ACRC can complete for price discussed.** Carried.
- G. Discuss Blight Complaint: Moved Willson/seconded Graves to **pursue blight complaint.** Carried.
- H. Discuss American Tower Lease Extension: Moved Graves/seconded Decet to **accept lease extension for 6 additional 5-year terms, with a one-time signing bonus... upon review and recommendation of attorney.** Carried.
- I. Discuss Budget Amendment: Moved Balko/Seconded Willson to **decrease Clerk's "Equipment Maintenance" by \$500 and increase Clerk's "Mileage" by \$500.** Carried

Committee/Policy Reports:

Planning Commission—April 11th and April 25th meeting minutes submitted. The Planning Commission continues to go through the Zoning Ordinance. CUPPAD was at the last meeting to answer questions.

Public Comment:

Supervisor looking for direction regarding improvements to Wetmore park. Board discussed removing old chips from playground, putting down felt and fresh chips, and repairing equipment currently there. Also look into getting rid of dirt pile and replacing with beach sand for volleyball court. Board discussed getting quotes for topsoil, grass, trees, and sprinklers. Supervisor would like to apply for CUPPAD's Prosperous Places Mini Grant (June 1st deadline) and Michigan Townships Participating Plan's Risk Reduction Grant (May 31st deadline). Comment was received by two persons; one question regarding gravel on Indiantown Road and when dust control would happen, and the other question regarding a poverty exemption question. Janet mentioned that she was happy to have Roxanne as her backup and that she did a great job.

Building Report:

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| 1 | WeQUILTmore 12:00 p.m. | 22 | WeQUILTmore 12:00 p.m. |
| 2 | Zoning Board of Appeals 6:30 p.m. | 23 | Planning Commission WS 6:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Township Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 25 | Private Rental |
| 9 | Planning Commission Workshop 6:30 p.m. | 26 | Private Rental |
| 10 | Munising Bay Quilt Guild 6:00 p.m. | 27 | Private Rental |
| 16 | MI Election Cycle Prep Session 9 – 11:30 a.m.
with ballot container inspection to follow | 28 | Private Rental |
| 19 | Private Rental | 29 | WeQUILTmore 12 :00 p.m. |
| 21 | Wetmore Community Club 6:30 p.m. | 29 | SORVA 6:30 p.m. |

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (4/1/18): \$489,191.80. Receipts: \$1,952.54. Disbursements: \$29,745.86. Balance Savings (4/30/18) \$470,398.48. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$472,509.46. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$167,317.57. Balance Recreation Fund: \$15,042.72. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$21,825.70. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,126.73. Balance General Fund: \$392.07.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 5919 through 5985**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Willson/seconded Graves, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor