

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2018 7:00 p.m. – 8:43 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Trustee—Selina Balko Trustee—Carmon Decet, and Treasurer—Nicole Graves. Board Members Absent: None. Also, present: Assistant Fire Chief Bob Balko, Roger Carlson, Janet Miron, Deb Carlson, Ron Bell, Lee Coryell, Mike Tietjen, Barry Hoover, and Deb and Bryan Smith.

Supervisor Howard opened our September 4th, 2018 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Comment received by several persons regarding the road priority list; need for new picnic tables and basketball hoop, and vandalism at Shingleton park; and addressing/updating the Inland Buffer Zone in our Zoning Ordinance and maps. Shingleton Recreation Club would like to use the Shingleton hall.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of August 6th, 2018 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: None.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received notice that Goodman Networks Inc's request for filing bankruptcy was granted. Received notice of UPPCO hearing on September 11th at 10 a.m. in Lansing to reconcile its Renewable Energy revenues and expenses for 2017. Received a notice of hearing from DTE on the 13th at 9 a.m. in Lansing to reconcile gas cost recovery plan. Received notice of public hearing from DNR concerning commercial forest program application on September 18th at 10 a.m. at the Court House; property is on Roy Wright Road. Received a letter from State Tax Commission about our AMAR review. Received letter from UPPCO that they hired Karcz Utility Service to inspect UPPCO's equipment; their vehicles are marked and they want people to be aware they need access.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Mike presented his report and mentioned that the official zoning map needs clarification. The setback for accessory structures needs to be addressed with the Planning Commission. Mike would like to look into whether a township wide policy stating that every 3 years all parcels be checked for compliance is allowed.
- B. Fire Department: None.

Clerk's Report:

We had a 30% voter turnout on Election Day (8/7 – State Primary). Selina and I sent out AV ballot applications for the November election and we will pick election workers later this month. An election commission meeting will be held in October, prior to the November election. I notified Copy Rite that we would not be renewing our maintenance contract. Since then we have received an invoice for \$125.50 (\$69.50--No written 30-day prior cancellation charge AND \$55.00--80% unused toner charge of \$68.75). Received a FOIA request pertaining to the 2016 presidential election. MTA recommended all townships consult their attorneys on this matter due to the complexity of the request. Our attorney drafted a letter giving us 10 additional days to respond. We have until September 12th to gather information and put together a cost estimate to fulfill the request.

Supervisor's Report:

Participated in a conference call regarding maintenance items at the old landfill. Attended the Regional Government Meeting in AuTrain. Purchased 2 document/flyer stands for office. Contacted Sheriff's Department about vandalism at Shingleton park. Working with Morrison Assessing on a response to the State Tax Commission concerning our AMAR review corrective actions. Reviewed Recreation Plan.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Discuss Boardwalk Damage: Board discussed the need to update the Recreation Plan prior to applying for DNR grant (March 31st deadline). Board consensus that we all read through the Recreation Plan and note changes and also get CUPPAD involved. Tossed around some ideas on who could help us write the grant. Roger re-secured the boardwalk to make it less accessible.
- B. Discuss American Tower Proposal: Attorney has approved the proposal. A resolution was offered by

Howard and supported by Decet to **accept the American Tower lease extension agreement. Roll call vote: Balko-yes, Willson-yes, Howard-yes, Graves-yes, and Decet-yes. 5 yes, 0 nay.** Howard declared the resolution passed.

- C. Blight Complaints: There are 2 new blight complaints. 1) Lost Lake Road – unlicensed vehicles, tires, scrap metal pile, and sewer pipes. Moved Balko/seconded Graves that we **pursue blight on Lost Lake Road**. Carried. 2) H-58, Melstrand – new owner is trying to clean up. Moved Balko/seconded Willson that we **pursue blight on H-58 also**. Carried.
- D. Discuss Parking Lot Repairs and Seal Coat: Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **hire JSC, Inc. to repair and seal coat parking lot**. Carried.
- E. Discuss McQuisten Park Improvement Bids: After some discussion, Board consensus to table.
- F. Discuss UPPCO Franchise Agreement: After some discussion, Board consensus to table until more information is gathered.

New Business:

- A. Discuss Shingleton Hall Gas Plan: Moved Willson/seconded Graves to **go with Program #2, after checking number of gallons purchased last year and our amount of credit**. Carried.
- B. Discuss Copy Rite Bill: Moved Balko/seconded Decet that we **pay additional charges**. Carried.
- C. Discuss CUPPAD Membership Dues: Moved Willson/seconded Graves that we **pay annual CUPPAD dues (\$597)**. Carried.
- D. Discuss Fall Township Clean-up Day: Moved Balko/seconded Willson that **Lisa contact landfill and advertise Township Clean-Up Day on October 20th or 27th**. Carried.
- E. Discuss AMAR Review: Board discussed review and will respond within the 21-day timeframe.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Lisa reminded us that the fence at old landfill needs repairs at the estimated cost of \$2,400. The cost will be split between all partners. The Forest Service's Wildfire crew is doing the labor.

Public Comment:

Comment was received by one person regarding the same Lost Lake property mentioned earlier as a blight complaint. There is also strong dog odor and concerns that there might be too many dogs (kennel) which presents a possible zoning issue as well.

Building Report:

4	Township Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	Wetmore Community Club 6:30 p.m.
4	WeQUILTmore 12:00 p.m.	25	WeQUILTmore 12:00 p.m.
12	Planning Commission 6:30	25	SORVA 6:30 p.m.
13	Munising Bay Quilt Guild 6:00 p.m.		

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (8/1/18): \$416,181.46. Receipts: \$14,933.88. Disbursements: \$32,503.11. Balance Savings (8/31/18) \$398,612.23. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$476,983.07. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$179,383.08. Balance Recreation Fund: \$15,052.09. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$10,792.82. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,135.47. Balance General Fund: \$386.67.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Graves, to **pay bills with checks numbered 6193 through 6272**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for October 1st, 2018 at 7:00 p.m at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Graves/seconded Decet, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8.43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk