

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 5th, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 8:18 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Trustee—Selina Balko, and Trustee—Carmon Decet. Board Members Absent: Treasurer—Nicole Graves. Also, present: Ken Swajanen, Roger Carlson, Zoning Administrator – Mike Tietjen, Brian and Deb Smith, Natalie Kentner, and Janet Miron.

Supervisor Howard opened our February 5th, 2019 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: Public comment was received by one person regarding the strong dog feces/urine odor coming from a neighboring property.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of January 7th, 2019 Township Board regular meeting**. Carried. Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **approve minutes of January 30th, 2019 Township Board special meeting**. Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received the January 2019 Tax & Business Alert brochure from Anderson, Tackman & Company. Received a letter from the attorney regarding amendments to FOIA resulting from the recent request from "Emily".

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received Notice of Hearing from DTE Energy for approval of its Gas Cost Recovery plan on February 8 at 9 a.m. in Lansing. Received communication from Charter that they will no longer have channel 9 & 716, WGN America channels, they added CLEO TV, and Cinemax will no longer be available in their Spectrum TV Gold & Silver packages. Received bankruptcy information for the Shopko store. The expected store closure is April 8th. Received a letter from Joe Cilc, Alger County Building Inspector, requesting "a complete list of all vacation rentals (legal and otherwise) in your jurisdiction." Received the Alger Co. Chamber 2018 Year in Review Newsletter.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present and submitted report.
- B. Assessor: None.

Clerk's Report:

I received and filled out the Annual Payroll form from Burnham & Flower. Microsoft Office 365 automatically renewed in January (\$99). Year-end forms were processed.

Supervisor's Report:

Received a call from UPPCO to let us know that we will be receiving a \$4,274 credit because we have been paying sales tax on our street light account. Attended Planning Commission meeting, SEO Housing discussion, and a County Commissioner meeting. We are supposed to host the next Regional Government meeting on February 27th at 5 p.m., but it may get cancelled. Signed the agreement with UP Engineers pertaining to writing the grant for boardwalk repairs.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Boardwalk Damage: 2019-2023 Township Recreation Plan was adopted and the agreement with UP Engineers is signed. Waiting to see if grant is accepted.
- B. UPPCO Franchise Agreement: Heard from UPPCO and should have resolution language next month.
- C. Recreation Plan: Drafted and awaiting Public Hearing on January 30th.
- D. Dog Park Proposal – Kathy Reynolds: Kathy is pursuing the county at this time.
- E. Land Splits: Board tabled until next month when Assessor is present.

New Business:

- A. Discuss 2019-2020 Budget: Board discussed and tabled for review at next meeting.
- B. Federal Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions: A resolution was offered by Balko and supported by Willson to **adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2019, plus 25%. Roll call vote: Decet-yes, Graves-absent, Balko-yes, Willson-yes, and Howard-yes. 4 yes, 0 nay, 1 absent.** Howard declared the resolution passed.

C. Wage Resolution: A resolution was offered by Balko and supported by Decet to **leave wages for fiscal year 2019-2020 the same. Roll call vote: Howard-yes, Balko-yes, Decet-yes, Willson-yes, and Graves-absent. 4 yes, 0 nay, 1 absent.** Howard declared the resolution passed.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Draft meeting minutes from the January 10th, 2019 Planning Commission were submitted. APRD got new LED lights!

Fire Department:

Ken Swajanen mentioned that the fire department is in the process of appointing new officers. Board discussed some repairs needed to equipment.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report:

2 Private
4 Township Meeting 7:00 p.m.
5 WeQUILTmore 12:00 p.m.
14 Munising Bay Quilt Guild 6:00 p.m.
18 CLOSED – Presidents' Day
19 WeQUILTmore 12:00 p.m.
26 SORVA - 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (1/1/19): \$542,306.60. Receipts: \$73,317.01. Disbursements: \$20,915.68. Balance Savings (1/31/19) \$594,707.93. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$517,867.17. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$130,139.95. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$10,806.74. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,146.43. Balance General Fund: \$386.71.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 6588 through 6660.** Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for March 4th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Willson, to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor