

Munising Township Board Meeting Minutes
July 6th, 2015 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Supervisor-Dan Wilson, Clerk–Selina Balko, Treasurer-Bonnie Fulcher, Trustee-Lisa Howard, Trustee–Patty Willson, Visitors: Assistant Fire Chief-Bob Balko, Roger Carlson, Ron Bell, Janet Miron, Patti Elvetici, Joanna Segerstrom, Kennedy Segerstrom, Janis Parks, William Parks, Lloyd Hannah, Dorothy Hannah, Deb Carlson, Russ Carlson, Lyle Steede, Wade Rowley, Penny Rowley, Rob Livermore, Terry Bower, Terry Bond, Sandra Virta, Gene Virta, Charles Starzyk, and Johanna Bogater – Munising News.

Supervisor Wilson opened the July 6th, 2015 regular board meeting leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes : Motion Treasurer Fulcher/Second Trustee Howard to approve the June 1st, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Correspondence: MTA workshops held in July.

Supervisor’s Correspondence: Gas/pipeline safety; State: Electrical code changes; DTE-Hearing on rate changes; CUPPAD – grants available for mini art projects; Wood Island – applying with DNR to expand landfill.

Requested Items: A: Fire Department: Company they were going to order a thermo imaging camera from with grant monies is no longer in business. They will research and find another company to order from.

Clerk’s Report Completed and returned paperwork to Miller Canfield for road bonding. Completed reimbursement form and submitted to the State for the May election. Got everything ready for future FOIA requests. Will get papers to Mark to put on website as soon as I see how other township are doing it. Audit will be week of July 13th.

Supervisor’s Report: Extended contract with Anderson Tackman for audit for next three years. Spoke with Great American Disposal to gather information on garbage pick up in the township. Assessor program has been updated, training will be needed to learn new program. Airport property exchange still in works. Someone was mowing grass around the cell tower in Shingleton today. Wilson spoke with him and came back and made more phone calls regarding cell tower and getting equipment on it. Sheriff Hughes will send an officer to assist blight officer in handing out blight citations.

Unfinished Business: A: Blight complaints: Discussion began at 7:15 p.m. A petition was submitted before this township meeting asking the township to please desist in enforcing the blight ordinance. Wilson addressed some questions from that petition: Yes, there is a blight ordinance, it was adopted in January of 1987, modified in 2004. No, we did not vote on it a couple of years ago. Yes, our attorney thinks it is enforceable. Yes, we can enforce it with tickets. Since both sides are present at this meeting the hope is to come out of this meeting not to create enemies but to create a community that will work together and make a community we can all be proud to live in. It is not just Shingleton that is the target, the ordinance addresses the whole township. Ron

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Bell is our blight officer and acts by request of the Township Board. If there are personality conflicts then Supervisor Wilson is here to work through them. The meeting was then opened up to public comment: Terry Bond: Was going to pursue a grant for tire disposal and because of a conflict will no longer follow through. Wilson asked him to reconsider and said that he will work with him to submit this grant and help clean up tires in the area. Lyle Steede: How can you amend an ordinance that was voted down....255 against and 155 in favor of? Supervisor Wilson stated the ordinance was in effect before he was on the board and is not aware of any vote to rescind it. It was adopted in 1987 and amended by Township Board vote (not public vote) in 2004. Terry Bower: Can a citizen change the blight ordinance? It can be requested. When an ordinance is developed it is published in the newspaper and a public meeting is held before it is adopted. Dorothy Hannah: Questioned zoning in Shingleton asking what businesses are allowed. Concerned about oil being dumped on ground. If this is a problem the DEQ should be alerted. Patti Elvitici: Have any blight citations been issued? Ron Bell stated he is waiting for the Sheriff to send someone with him. Patti said we need to be aggressive with this. If anyone needs a truck or help hauling junk to landfill she is willing to help. A majority of the residents want the community cleaned up. Terry Bower: How many people make up a majority? Petitions have been turned both for and against this cleanup. Wilson stated that the township is here to protect the safety, health and welfare of the township residents. Some peoples trash is other peoples treasures. Fencing an area to comply with the ordinance is an option. Rob Livermore: Stated that the ordinance has been around for many years. He is neither for or against but if it is going to be enforced then it needs to addressed township wide. For some issues maybe the DNR or health department needs to be contacted. Wilson stated health hazards need to be addressed and again a solution is to fence the area. Penny Rowley: Stated that her yard is too wet to cut and move items right now. Snowmobiles are vintage and being restored. Wade Rowley: What is the definition of restored vintage vehicles? Are snowmobiles that are vintage and being worked on excluded? Wilson stated that if they are vintage and being worked on it is not blight. Trustee Howard stated that blight still should not be visible from the road and neighbors. One more time a fence is an option. How much is a fine and where does the money go? District court takes care of this. Wilson ended the discussion stating that this issue will continue to be pursued and a couple of blight citations will probably be issued. The goal is still to work together and protect the health, safety and welfare of residents. If you want to get mad at someone get mad at Supervisor Wilson and the township board. Discussion ended at 7:55 p.m.

New Business: **A:** Consider maintenance to township hall: Clerk stated she would like to have the carpeting replaced in the meeting room and also painting done in the building as it has not been painted since 2007. More tables and chairs need to be purchased. Wetmore Community Club has purchased lighter tables in good faith and we kind of agreed to purchase more tables. Ron Bell said they can use some of the heavy tables in Shingleton. Consensus is to come back with some estimates next month. Clerk will do this. **B:** Maintenance on playground: Trustee Howard is suggesting possible artificial cover for playground area instead of woodchips. Area is looking very unkept. Roger Carlson stated there may need to be a liner put under and totally replacing the turf. We have monies left over in the fund to cover upkeep. The playground was built with Kimberly Clark funding in 1997. Shingleton playground needs attention also. Will discuss again next month. **C:** Purchase of trail cams: We are having problems with illegal dumping at the recreation area. **Motion Trustee Howard/Second Trustee Willson to purchase two trail cams not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.** **D:** Resurface basketball courts: Supervisor to continue

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gather information as it is going to be a costly project. Estimated to be around \$15,000.00.

Committee/Policy Reports: Trustee Howard reported that Head start will be moving into the Central Community building.

Public Comment: None

Building Report :

Twp. Meeting on Monday the 6th, at 7:00 p.m.
WEquiltMORE on Tuesdays the 7th and 21st, at 1:00 p.m.
Quilt Guild on Thursday the 9th at 6:00 p.m
Audit week of the 13th
BOR on Tuesday the 21st at 9:00 a.m.
Animal shelter on Tuesday the 21st at 6:00
Private rental on the 11th, 25th and 26th
Alger Soil morning of Wednesday the 29th
Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

Treasurer's Report: Balance Savings: \$272,807.43. Receipts: \$3,332.60. Disbursements: \$27,906.68 and \$220.00. Balance Fire truck millage fund: \$243,542.70. Balance Recreation fund: \$14,930.25. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$144,577.33. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$20,608.74. Balance General Fund: \$867.91. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Pay Bills: Motion Trustee Willson/Second Trustee Howard to pay bills numbered 3517 through 3598. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 3rd, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment: Motion Treasurer Fulcher/Second Trustee Willson that we be adjourned. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Selina Balko, Clerk

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Dan Wilson, Supervisor

