

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 9:26 p.m.**

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**Roll Call:**

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Treasurer—Nicole Graves, Trustee—Carmon Decet, and Trustee—Selina Balko. Board Members Absent: None. Also, present: Assessor Susan Bovan, Janet Miron, Bob Balko, Roger Carlson, Brice Burge (Munising News), Deb Carlson, Mark Blackmore, Jaymie Depew and Kathy Reynolds (Chamber/Partnership), Zoning Administrator Mike Tietjen, and Fire Chief Harold Anderson.

Supervisor Howard opened our October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:**

Comment was received by one person regarding the use of Shingleton Hall for hosting a Thanksgiving dinner. The Hall is already closed for the season and cannot be used. Same person also asked for an update on blight. See Supervisor's Report for update.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:**

Received a signed copy of the affidavit of publication from the Munising News pertaining to our Notice of Intent to issue road bonds. Received MTA's On the Road 2019 Regional Meetings registration; meetings held in the U.P. the 22 – 24. Received Anderson, Tackman & Company's October 2019 Tax & Business Alert. Received a letter from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy stating that Wood Island Landfill Cells 1-10 are now closed and the 30-year post closure status began on Sept 6, 2019. Also, received a notice that Consumers Life Insurance Company has changed to MedMutual Life Insurance Company.

**Supervisor's Correspondence:**

Received notice from Charter – offering ACC Network and discontinuing Fox College Sports, Disney Family Movies on Demand and ESPN Classic channels; price increasing \$7.50 for Select, Silver and Gold packages; \$0.49 for receiver and \$2.00 for digital adapter. CUPPAD is updating its regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and is soliciting projects and strategies from local units of government to be included. Received notice of bankruptcy for Martha Adair of California. Received notice of class action suit regarding the opiate crisis. Received MTA trainings offered in October and November.

**Requested Items:**

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present and report provided.
- B. Assessor: Present and report provided.
- C. Kathy Reynolds - Alger County Chamber of Commerce: Requesting \$4,000 to continue to promote tourism and economic development in Alger County. They are open year-round and assist over 20,000 visitors annually. Over the last eight years, the Chamber has grown and increased membership by over 66%.

**Clerk's Report:**

Still haven't heard from contractor regarding façade repairs. Kurt from GBS was here doing upgrades to election equipment and all went well. Sandy removed both the piano and organ from Shingleton Hall and returned the key. We received two bids for snowplowing. The minutes from the Planning Commissions September 11, 25, and October 2 meetings are in your packets. I called DTE to make sure that the multiple phone calls I've received weren't in fact from them. DTE said it is not them calling and that this is a phishing scam and not to give them any information.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Attended a Recycling Committee meeting, two Alger Parks & Rec meetings, and two Planning Commission meetings. Met with a 2020 Census representative about the importance of the census and community awareness of its impact. EGLE (DEQ) awarded Alger County an E-Waste grant. Funding will pay for two storage garages, initial purchase of stickers for TV's and 2 collection events. Completed the annual Municipal Fire Protection Questionnaire, which is required to receive payments from the State to cover fire protection for state-owned facilities. Shingleton Community Building is winterized. The propane

tank was at 63% as of October 6. It was rented once this year for a graduation party. Township Clean-Up Day is Saturday, 8 a.m. – Noon. The Township Office will be closed October 14 in observance of Columbus Day. Blight complaint update – 2 properties have cleaned up and no longer an issue, 3 properties are improving, and 1 property was served a citation for non-compliance.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. Boardwalk Damage: Initial grant score was too low so we resubmitted with recommended changes. Should have an answer in November.
- B. Hall Façade Repairs: Board discussed estimate received to cover and protect the wall from further damage caused by the elements. Moved Patty/seconded Decet to **accept estimate from Ron Mager for \$385**. Carried.
- C. Marihuana Ordinance: Board discussed draft ordinance and allowing Marihuana Establishments in industrial and commercial zoned areas but not within 500 feet of a pre-existing church, public or private school, Day Care, or residential zone. Attorney to review.
- D. Road Improvement Plan: Board consensus to leave as is.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Road Bond Payment: Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **pay last payment of \$131,625**. Carried.
- B. Alger County Road Commission Agreement: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **sign agreement with ACRC**. Carried.
- C. Snowplowing Bids: Moved Howard/seconded Decet to **accept two bids**. Carried. Read and discussed bids from Seaberg Contracting and Gerou Excavating. Moved Decet/seconded Graves to **award 3-year snow removal contract to Gerou Excavating**. Carried.
- D. Cemetery Lot Sale: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **allow Allen Miron purchase two additional lots in cemetery next to family member**.
- E. Budget Amendment: Moved Willson/seconded Decet to **decrease Township Boards "Miscellaneous" by \$1,000 and increase Townships Boards "Audit" by \$1,000**. Carried.

#### **Committee/Policy Reports:**

Planning Commission is still working on Zoning Ordinance and will hold a public hearing 30 days after the draft Zoning Ordinance is published.

#### **Fire Department:**

Board and Fire Chief discussed the latest invoice for repairs to the 2002 Pierce fire truck.

#### **Public Comment:**

Comment was received by one person with concerns about the DNR trail continuing to washout.

#### **Building Report:**

2	Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.	14	CLOSED – Columbus Day
5	Private	16	Planning Commission - Public Hearing on Conditional Use 6:30 p.m. and Workshop to discuss the Zoning Ordinance
7	Township Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	Wetmore Community Club 6:30 p.m.
10	Munising Bay Quilt Guild 5:00 p.m.	30	Hiawatha Trail Association 6:00 p.m.
12	Township Clean-Up Day 8 a.m. – Noon		

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance Savings (9/1/19): \$506,597.59. Receipts: \$49,629.60. Disbursements: \$187,988.51. Balance Savings (9/30/19) \$368,238.68. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$570,033.17. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$135,017.36. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$12,873.24. Balance Road Bond Account: \$20,002.22. Balance General Fund: \$420.63.

#### **Pay Bills:**

Moved Decet/seconded Balko, to **pay bills with checks numbered 6144 through 6213 including voided check number 6158**. Carried.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

**Adjournment:**

Moved Decet/seconded Graves, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor