

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 2nd, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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, Deb Carlson, George Whitehead, Zoning Administrator Mike Tietjen, and Brice Burge (Munising News).

Supervisor Howard opened our December 2nd, 2019 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Comment was received by one person regarding neighbors building on their property line. Assessor advised that they get a survey.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of November 4th, 2019 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried. Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **approve minutes of November 12th, 2019 Township Board special meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received quarterly newsletter from Michigan Assoc of Municipal Clerks. Received a Thanksgiving card from A Rifkin.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received a request for support from Alger County Food Pantry. Received Notice from UPPCO to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the twelve months of 2020; pre-hearing on December 11th at 9:00 a.m. in Lansing. Received Notice from Charter that they will launch multiple video-on-demand channels and Pay-Per-View channels the middle of December. Charter also will end MLB Strike Zone, MFL Red Zone and Outdoor Channels on Tier 2 but they will be available with a subscription to Spectrum TV Sports Pack. Received Notice from the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore that they are accepting comments on their Munising Falls to Spray Falls Visitor Use Management Plan until December 7th. Received a request for support from Alger Regional Community Foundation. There is a Complete Count Meeting for the 2020 Alger County Census on December 4th at 2:00 p.m. at Central Community Building.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present and report provided.
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update.

Clerk's Report:

I'm in the process of printing new voter identification cards for those registered voters affected by the precinct consolidation. The marijuana permit application is in your packets to review and suggest changes. Munising Township offices will be closed for the holidays December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st. We were closed November 7th, 11th, 12th, and 27th due to snowstorms and school cancelling. Our township and much of the U.P. experienced widespread power outages, some residents losing power for over 48 hours, due to the November 27th storm.

Supervisor's Report:

Attended the Regional Government meeting. Much discussion on the state budget impacting townships and counties. The survey of the cemetery property is complete. The LMAS Property in Wetmore and the MSU Experimental Station in Chatham have been approved to be E-waste recycle drop-off locations for the E-waste grant. Cox Pond level is still high because of beaver activity.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Boardwalk Damage: Water level high on West end of ponds. No word on grant.
- B. Hall Façade Repairs: Board discussed replacement of metal siding with a 26-gauge minimum and to include that wording in the request for bids ad.
- C. Blight Complaint Procedure: Board discussed and needs more time.

New Business:

- A. Blight Complaint: Moved Graves/seconded Decet to **pursue blight complaint on Cedar Street.** Carried.

- B. Request for Support from Alger County Food Pantry: Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **appropriate \$1000 to the Alger County Food Pantry**. Carried.
- C. Request for Support from Alger Regional Community Foundation: Board discussed and decided no action at this time.
- D. Township Power Outages: Board discussed recent power outages and what our township can do to help. Discussed need for emergency procedures, purchase of a generator, grants, and Local Emergency Planning Committee's (LEPC) role.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Public hearing is scheduled for December 11th regarding the draft Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map.

Fire Department:

George Whitehead, Chief at Tri-County Fire Department (also volunteer firefighter at Munising Township Fire Department), thanked us for our support and briefed us on compressed air foam systems used in our newest fire truck.

Public Comment:

Board discussed the need for a TV or white screen for use during trainings and meetings. Moved Howard/seconded Willson to **purchase 65” Samsung TV, corner bracket, and cable for the Township Hall. Cost not to exceed \$1,500**. Carried.

Building Report:

- 2 Township Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Board of Review 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Public Hearing – Planning Commission (Zoning Ordinance/Map) 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Munising Bay Quilt Guild 5:00 p.m.
- 16 Wetmore Community Club 6:30 p.m.
- 24 CLOSED – Christmas Eve
- 25 CLOSED – Christmas Day
- 31 CLOSED – New Year’s Eve

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (11/1/19): \$334,870.51. Receipts: \$45,492.52. Disbursements: \$27,842.92. Balance Savings (11/30/19) \$352,520.11. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$514,533.76. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$3,522.56. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$12,881.44. Balance Road Bond Account: \$20,005.61. Balance General Fund: \$666.05.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 6291 through 6358**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for January 6th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Willson/seconded Graves, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor