

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2020 7:00 p.m. – 8:03 p.m.**  
*(Meeting via telephone conference.)*

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**Roll Call:**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Lisa Howard, Clerk Patty Willson, Treasurer Nicole Graves, Trustee Selina Balko, and Trustee Carmon Decet. Board Members Absent: None. Also, present: Assessor Susan Bovan, Roger Carlson, Janet Miron, Ed Balko, Kathleen Lindquist, Paul Gaberdiel of MIDNR, Bob Balko, and Keith Churill of SORVA.

Supervisor Howard opened our September 8, 2020 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved Decet/seconded Graves to **approve minutes of August 3, 2020 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:**

Received the 2020 Tax Rate Request form (L-4029) pertaining to the Munising Township. Receiving Absentee Ballot Applications for the November election.

**Supervisor's Correspondence:**

Received a copy of a letter sent to Congressman Jack Bergman from Alger County Road Commission Chairman Doug Miron requesting the Federal Government fund a hard surface road from Melstrand to the Chapel Recreation Area. Received a request from Landmark Dividend Company to buy our cell tower lease. Received propane prices from Superiorland Gas Company. Received resignation letter from our Zoning Administrator, Eric Artress.

**Requested Items:**

- A. Zoning Administrator: n/a
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update.

**Clerk's Report:**

We had a 34% voter turnout for the August election. I updated our jurisdictions contact information in the Election Official Directory. The U.S. Vote Foundation and Overseas Vote are just a couple websites that rely on this information. I'll be ordering 2020 tax forms soon. There is an Election Commission meeting next month. The office remains closed.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Responded to a noise complaint. Have received 3 phone calls about blight. TriMedia did the GPR work at the cemetery. They are working on the map. The grass at the park is coming along. We are only watering once in the morning right now. There is one broken sprinkler on the northwest corner of the basketball courts. I was going to A-1 Water Systems to fix either this fall when they winterize or next Spring when they turn the system back on.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Boardwalk Damage: Howard has been providing information to DNR website.
- B. Implications of Covid-19 Pandemic: Board consensus that the office remains closed.
- C. Fall Clean-Up Day – October 10<sup>th</sup>: Moved Balko/seconded Decet that we **advertise "Fall Clean-Up Day" for October 10<sup>th</sup> and pay all associated expenses.** Carried.
- D. Alger County / Munising Airport (Hanley) Committee: Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **terminate contract with Alger County / Munising Airport Committee as of September 8, 2020.** Carried.

**New Business:**

- A. MDOT Resolution for ORV Operation on State Highway Right-of-Way: A resolution was offered by Howard/supported by Decet to **allow ORV use along state highway in Munising Township. Roll call vote: Willson-yes, Decet-yes, Graves-yes, Howard-yes, and Balko-yes. 5 yes, 0 nay.** Howard declared the resolution passed.
- B. Zoning Administrator Resignation / Position: Per letter of resignation, ZA's final day was August 31 but will work until position is filled. Two persons interested and present at meeting. Board discussed and would like to proceed with interview process with recommendation brought to the Board at a

Special Meeting.

- C. CUPPAD Membership: Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **renew CUPPAD membership (\$597)**. Carried.
- D. Fire Department Millage: Millage is up in 2020; therefore, we may have to hold a special election to propose a renewal.

**Committee/Policy Reports:**

Balko attending Industrial Park meeting September 16. Board discussed the Industrial Park's zoning and would like to see more developments in that area.

**Fire Department:** None.

**Public Comment:**

Comment received regarding Gerou's pit off Industrial Park Road and it being used as a shooting range.

**Building Report:**

- 8 Township Meeting 7:00 p.m. (via telephone conference)
- 9 Planning Commission 6:30 p.m. (via telephone conference)
- 16 Zoning Board of Appeals 6:30 p.m. (via telephone conference)

The pavilion is rented the 9, 10, 12 and 20.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance Savings (8/1/20): \$425,032.13. Receipts: \$19,224.48. Disbursements: \$37,448.56. Balance Savings (08/31/20): \$406,808.05. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$635,863.73 Balance Road Millage Fund: \$164,702.69. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$19,403.25. Balance Road Bond Account: \$711,604.44. Balance General Fund: \$189.26.

**Pay Bills:**

Moved Decet/seconded Balko, to **pay bills with checks numbered 6870 through 6956**. Carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

**Adjournment:**

Moved Graves/seconded Willson, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor