

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2020 7:00 p.m. – 7:54 p.m.
(Meeting via telephone conference.)

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, Janet Miron, Kathleen Lindquist, Bob Balko, Ken Ohman of North Country Disposal, Chris Case, Vicki Dawson, Scott Lakosky, Sara Lakosky, and Brice Burge of Roam Media.

Supervisor Howard opened our November 2, 2020 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Ken Ohman of North Country Disposal spoke about the decision to end the residential curbside recycling program the end of this year in Alger County.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of October 5, 2020 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received monthly statements from John Hancock. Received the September issue from MI Twp. Participating Plan. Received a MI Tax Tribunal appeal. Received advertising from two payroll software companies. Received the October newsletter from Fahey.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received correspondence from Charter that their statement and payment due dates will be changing. Received Notice from UPPCO requesting the Commission agree with a proposed settlement regarding a complaint filed by Citizens Against Rate Excess. Any person or entity wishing to respond to the proposed settlement must do so by 5 p.m. November 16th. Notice from UPPCO requesting approval for authority to implement a Power Supply Cost Recovery plan for 2021. Hearing is November 19 at 10:30 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. Received a letter from North Country Disposal that they will be eliminating their residential curb-side recycling program at the end of the year.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present and provided update. Special meeting November 11th at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update. Board of Review meeting December 15th.

Clerk's Report:

With the grant funds I was able to purchase 12 voting booths and 5 hanging sneeze guards. I still plan to order 2 barcode scanners and 2 air purifiers. Testing of the voting equipment went well. Election Day is tomorrow (November 3rd). Selina and I have been busy processing absent voter ballots. Approximately 600 AV ballots were issued this election with approximately 90% returned so far. I will be placing my W2/1099 order soon.

Supervisor's Report:

Township Clean Up Day went well. We had about 90 vehicles and 94 tires at the landfill. There were two 30-yard and two 20-yard roll-offs in Shingleton. Thank you, Roger and Carmon for the help. The road paving is complete. Received four phone call apologies for the McQuisten Park portable toilet incident. They are supposed to rake out the ruts in the parking lot but haven't done so yet. There was also some vandalism in Shingleton Ballfield. Two vehicles entered the field and did donuts. Roger has raked out and installed a chain and lock on the gate.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Boardwalk Damage: Howard sent packet to engineer and expects to receive bid by end of year.
- B. Implications of Covid-19 Pandemic: Board consensus that the office remains closed.
- C. Noise Ordinance: Received response from attorney. Board discussed possible amendments and will consult with attorney. Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **table discussion until next meeting.** Carried.

New Business:

- A. Budget Amendment: Moved Howard/seconded Balko to **decrease Roads “Road Projects” by \$10,000 and increase Roads “Contractual Services” by \$10,000**. Carried.
- B. Recycling: Marquette is opening recycling to the U.P. on November 16th. Discussed pickup schedules, taxpayer interest, and vision. Howard is interested in being on committee.
- C. Generator: PAR Plan grant would cover 50% match up to \$2,500. Board discussed needs and will research options further.

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department: None.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report:

- 2 Township Meeting 7:00 p.m. (via telephone conference)
- 3 ELECTION DAY

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (10/1/20): \$425,983.74. Receipts: \$17,331.38. Disbursements: \$28,798.22. Balance Savings (10/31/20): \$414,516.90. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$623,852.93 Balance Road Millage Fund: \$13,463.22. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$19,413.25. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,000.00. Balance General Fund: \$194.99.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 7016 through 7079**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

Moved Graves/seconded Willson, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor