

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.

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, Fire Chief Harold Anderson, Zoning Administrator Kathleen Lindquist, Janet Miron, Larry Radloff, Sue Radloff, Dennis Vertz, Kay Vertz, Bob Balko, Brice Burge of Roam Media.

Supervisor Howard opened our May 3, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Comment was received by several persons with complaints about a neighbor's piles of wood, the burning of brush, and the use of a burn barrel and whether these situations can be addressed under blight or zoning.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of April 5, 2021 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received Workers Compensation Insurance policy from Hannula (Accident Fund). An exclusion was added regarding communicable diseases. Received the March issue of The Par Plan News. Received a revised notice from the State (EGLE) on Pictured Rocks KOA regarding the lavatories. Received quarterly statements from John Hancock. The March and April Fahey newsletters are in your packets.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received a newsletter from Michigan Railroad Association. Received Notice from UPPCO requesting approval of reconciliation of its Energy Waste Reduction costs and revenue for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2020 via Video/Teleconferencing on Wednesday, May 5 at 9 am. Received Notice from UPPCO requesting approval for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan for the twelve3 months ended December 31, 2020 via Video/Teleconferencing on Tuesday, May 11 at 9 am. Charter Communications, aka Spectrum, store will be located at 3222 US Highway 41 West starting May 20th. Received correspondence from Alger County Board supporting HB 4590, Tourism Reinvestment Excise Tax Bill.

Requested Items:

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

Clerk's Report:

Completed a survey of local election officials by the US Election Assistance Commission regarding lessons learned from conducting the 2020 presidential election. Public Accuracy testing was held last week and went well. The office was open this past Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for residents to register to vote or vote AV ballot. Not one person came. Election Day tomorrow. Issued 184 AV Ballots this election with 86.96% returned. Filed the federal return for the 1st quarter. QuickBooks software expires on May 31 and cost to renew is \$399.99. Reminder that May 15 is Township Clean-Up Day!

Supervisor's Report:

Attended Alger County Rural Task Force Meeting. They are using 2021 HIP COVID Relief Funding, \$161,223, to repave H58 between Connors Road and City Limits Road. That work will happen next year. Attended the 2021 MTA Virtual Conference & Expo. Attended Alger Recycling meeting and Public Accuracy Testing. Met with three contractors for Hall Furnace bids. Met with a contractor for a generator bid and meeting another one on Wednesday morning. Registered the Township so we have a federal SAM number, System for Award Management.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Boardwalk Damage/Grant: DNR approved engineer's plans and bids went out. Bid opening scheduled May 13 at 2:00 p.m.
- B. Implications of Covid-19 Pandemic: Board consensus that the office remains closed.
- C. Generator: Still just one bid. Howard meeting another contractor this week.

- D. Recycling: Board discussed adding recycling to Township Clean-up Day to FaceBook and Web site.
- E. Dust Control/Chapel Road: Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **accept bid from Liquid Calcium for doing same roads in past minus the paved, and will accept all of Chapel Road if Visitors Bureau pays for it.** Carried.
- F. Office Furnace/AC: Working on getting bids for furnace. AC is only 5 years old.
- G. Hall AED: Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **purchase AED for approximately \$3,000 plus cost of child pads.** Carried.
- H. Shed for Mower/Maintenance Equipment/Parts: Board discussed the high cost of building materials and decided to hold off.
- I. American Rescue Plan Funds: Waiting on guidelines.

New Business:

- A. Replace Fire Department's 1985 Used DNR Truck: Fire Chief Anderson would like to replace used truck with 2022 Silverado. Board discussed in great detail and tabled until June.
- B. Landfill Authority Appointment: Selina would like Howard to take over position. Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **appoint Howard to Landfill Authority.** Carried.
- C. Recreation Committee: Board discussed putting together a Recreation Committee and to advertise on FaceBook and Web site.
- D. Battery-Powered Leaf Blower: Moved Willson/seconded Balko to **purchase leaf blower.** Carried.
- E. Required Advertising: Board consensus to use Grand Marais Pilot as preferred choice of advertising.
- F. 2021 Pay Plan Renewal: Moved Balko/seconded Howard to **pay insurance and include the option to increase coverage of the Munising Township Office Complex.** Carried.
- G. Anderson Tackman and Company Contract Renewal: Moved Willson/seconded Graves to **renew 3-year contract with Anderson Tackman and Company.** Carried.
- H. Budget Amendment: Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **increase Township Board "Education and Training" by \$4,000 and decrease Township Board "Miscellaneous" by \$4,000.** Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department:

Present and provided update.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report:

3 Township Board 7:00 p.m.

The pavilion is reserved May 1st, 3rd, and 15th.

Treasurer's Report: Balance Savings (04/01/21): \$507,710.70. Receipts: \$5,741.97. Disbursements: \$31,246.92. Balance Savings (04/30/21): \$482,205.75. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$75,097.36. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$163,430.45. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$28,822.24. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,041.40. Balance General Fund: \$268.19.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 7428 through 7492.** Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Graves, to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor