

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 8:28 p.m.**

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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, Fire Chief Harold Anderson, Bob Balko, Roger Carlson, Terry Bower, and Bob Helsel.

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

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of August 2, 2021 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:**

Received four bids for floating bridge sections. Received the draft audited financial statements, F-65, and qualifying statement from Anderson, Tackman & Company. Received a notice from the State (EGLE) on the American Transmission Company's project at Pine Creek and an unnamed stream along the transmission line right-of-way. Received an email from Catchin' Crickets Campground and Vacation Rental regarding noise complaints. MTA is taking registrations for the UP North Summit to be held September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Harris. Received the Munising Township 2021 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029.

**Supervisor's Correspondence:**

Received Notice from UPPCO requesting approval to commence a renewable energy cost reconciliation for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2020 on Wednesday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. Received Notice from Charter that they will launch POP TV, Smithsonian Channel and CBS Sports TV channels on or around September 27, 2021. Received a Notice of Reservation Proclamation Request from the Department of Interior pertaining to Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Munising housing property. No change in land use is anticipated. Received the Alger County Hazard Mitigation rating worksheet from CUPPAD. Received SuperiorLand Gas pre-purchase program information. Received Notice to Appear regarding noise citation on September 21, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in District Court.

**Requested Items:**

- A. Zoning Administrator: Not present.
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update.

**Clerk's Report:**

Spoke with the owner of the Grand Marais Pilot, and she said she is very busy with her multiple businesses, and she will bill us when she can. Updated Section 410 of the Zoning Ordinance on the Web site. The expense of the boardwalk was split between the Parks and Recreation "Repair & Maintenance" and the "Recreation Improvements" accounts because there wasn't enough budgeted in just one of those accounts. Responded to an email about vacation rentals on Powell Lake. In process of gathering Planning Commission minutes for a FOIA request pertaining to vacation rentals on Powell Lake. Updated our Certificate of Insurance with UPPCO. Participated in a survey of county, city, and township clerks from the Office of the Auditor General. Made a few calls and a trip to Holiday station to get our new credit card working. The minutes from the August 11<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting are in your mailbox.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Attended a community airport meeting organized by John Madigan. Next one is September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Legion at 9 a.m. Munising Township Fall Clean-Up Day is September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to Noon.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Boardwalk Damage/Grant: Boardwalk repairs are complete and engineer approved!
- B. Implications of Covid-19 Pandemic: Everything to remain as is.
- C. Generator: Still waiting for a third bid. Board tabled.
- D. American Rescue Plan Funds: Still waiting. No update.
- E. Shingleton Property Use: Waiting for meter to be removed from restroom building. Healthy Homes to clean and assess damage. Healthy Homes recommended dehumidifier year around. Will need to

have de-winterized. Board discussed rent/lease options. Board consensus to lease to Terry Bower on a month-to-month arrangement beginning October 1, 2021. Monthly rent shall be \$350 and a security deposit of \$350 shall be collected at signing of agreement.

**New Business:**

- A. Boardwalk Floating Bridge Bids: Four bids were opened and read: Dave Schultz bid on 4-12' sections at \$301 each; Dan Walther bid on 2 sections at \$100 each; Tim Lassila bid on 2 sections at \$100 each; and Hank St. Amour bid \$22.55 for each section. Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **accept bids as read**. Carried. Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **award bids as follows: Dave – 4; Dan – 2; Tim – 2; and Hank - 2**. Carried.
- B. Township Cleaning Person: Board discussed person interested. Moved Balko//seconded Howard to **hire Rosemary Balko to clean at the rate of \$25 per hour and up to 3 hours each week**. Carried.
- C. Township Facia/Soffit Repair: Board discussed repairs needed and board consensus to hire Jeff Hakanen to repair.

**Committee/Policy Reports:**

APRD owns the central school building as of 8/24/2021. Recreation Committee working on meeting date.

**Fire Department:**

Present and provided update.

**Public Comment:**

Board discussed street sign lettering preference. Board consensus that all street signs purchased shall be upper and lower case. Sue Bovan with Munising Bay Cruisers mentioned that they will be having a parade on September 17<sup>th</sup> from Munising to Grand Marais beginning at 3:00 p.m. The car show will be September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Board thanked Roger Carlson for unblocking culvert.

**Building Report:**

- 7 Township Board 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.

The pavilion is reserved September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance Savings (08/01/21): \$444,250.44. Receipts: \$17,387.53. Disbursements: \$32,658.42. Balance Savings (08/31/21): \$428,979.55. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$86,949.78. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$179,325.70. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$8,991.22. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,041.75. Balance General Fund: \$274.74.

**Pay Bills:**

Moved Decet/seconded Balko, to **pay bills with checks numbered 7703 through 7782**. Carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

**Adjournment:**

Moved Willson/seconded Decet, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor