

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 8:11 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: Bob Balko, Susan Bovan, Harold Anderson, Brice Burge (Roam Media), and Rhonda Lassila (MBTN).

Supervisor Howard opened our December 6, 2021, meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Moved Willson/seconded Balko to **amend Agenda and include D – Fire Department’s New Chevy Truck Undercoating and Accessory Installation**. Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of November 1, 2021, Township Board regular meeting**. Carried.

Clerk’s Correspondence:

Received quarterly newsletter from MAMC (MI Assoc of Municipal Clerks). Received a Thanksgiving card from A. Rifkin Co. Received a letter of interest from Landmark Dividend pertaining to our cellular tower lease.

Supervisor’s Correspondence:

Received Notice of Hearing from UPPCO requesting approval of a power supply cost recovery plan and authorization of monthly power supply cost recovery factors for the calendar year 2022 on Monday, December 13th at 9:30 am via video/teleconferencing. Received request for support from Friends of Valley Spur. Received correspondence from American Transmission Company that owns and operates the overhead electric transmission lines that run between the Munising Substation and the Shingleton Substation that they may need to modify or acquire new easements along a portion of the line for future vegetation management. Received Notice from Charter Communications that DIY Network is rebranded to Magnolia Channel and Bulldog Shopping Network is rebranded to Victory Channel. Also, NBC Sports Network on Spectrum Basic will cease operation.

Requested Items:

- A. Munising Bay Trail Network (MBTN) – MDARD Grant Support: Rhonda Lassila, President of MBTN, presented information on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development grant they are requesting, which would allow them to expand the Valley Spur recreation area single-track trail system.
- B. Zoning Administrator: Not present.
- C. Assessor: Present. Munising Township and Grand Island Township Board of Review meeting scheduled for December 15. Vacant land values have increased.

Clerk’s Report:

Completed the sales tax exemption form for Office Depot. Reviewed and signed the Adoption Agreement. This document restatement is required by the IRS every 4 years. Updated the web site to include the cemetery web map. Mike of Anderson, Tackman & Company helped me with the American Rescue Plan Funds calculation form. Waiting for him to confirm it is correct. Placing an order for 2021 W2 and 1099 forms soon.

Supervisor’s Report:

Purchased new AED for Fire Department. Participated in a Recycle Grant webinar. The Alger County Recycling Committee was awarded a grant to survey our residents about recycling. Boardwalk Grant paperwork has been submitted and MDNR MIGrants site says our reimbursement request is in process.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Boardwalk Damage/Grant: Final paperwork submitted, and our reimbursement request is in process.
- B. Implications of Covid-19 Pandemic: Board consensus to remain as is.
- C. Generator: Still waiting for a third bid. Board tabled.
- D. American Rescue Plan Funds: Waiting for funds.

- E. Cemetery Expansion/TriMedia Proposal: Moved Balko/seconded Graves to **accept TriMedia's proposal**. Carried. Board discussed that, per our Zoning Ordinance, the cemetery is not a permitted or conditional use in Resource Production District.

New Business:

- A. Support Single-Track MDARD Grant: Moved Graves/seconded Decet to **commit \$10,000 to a matching MDARD Grant if grant is awarded to MBTN**. Carried.
- B. Support Friends of Valley Spur: Moved Willson/seconded Decet to **appropriate \$250 to the Friends of Valley Spur**. Carried.
- C. Sale Price of Freightliner Fire Truck: Board discussed, and fire chief provided input. Moved Howard/seconded Willson to **accept \$70,000 for the sale of the 2000 Freightliner Firetruck**. Carried.
- D. Fire Department – New Chevy Truck Undercoating and Accessory Installation: Moved Howard/seconded Graves to **approve \$3,000 for undercoating and accessory installation to new truck**.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Balko attended a Munising Industrial Park board meeting. An online parts retail business, dba Fastrax, is opening.

Fire Department: Present and provided update.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report:

- 6 Township Board 7:00 p.m.
14 Board of Review 9:00 a.m.
15 Planning Commission – Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (11/01/21): \$300,819.03. Receipts: \$4,874.04. Disbursements: \$38,958.52. Balance Savings (11/30/21): \$266,734.55. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$86,982.65. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$45,239.74. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$8,996.88. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,042.01. Balance General Fund: \$295.59.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 7916 through 7974**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Graves, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor