

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2022 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor Lisa Howard, Clerk Patty Willson, Trustee Selina Balko, and Trustee Carmon Decet. Board Members Absent: Treasurer Nicole Graves. Also, present: Janet Miron, Bob Balko, Harold Anderson, and George Whitehead.

Supervisor Howard opened our February 7, 2022 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 January 3, 2022 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received notice that GFL Environmental acquired Wood Island Waste Management. Received the January newsletter from Fahey. Received certification from the Bureau of Elections that Munising Township has a population of 2,000 or more according to the most recent census and is therefore *eligible* to be incorporated as a charter township. Received the January issue of Michigan Township Participating Plan News. Received training opportunities from Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Received a letter from Landmark Dividend pertaining to our cellular tower lease.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received a thank you and 3-day pass to Valley Spur from the Friends of Valley Spur. Received Notice of Hearing from DTE Gas Company requesting approval of a gas cost recovery plan and authorization of gas cost recovery factors for the 12-month period April 2022-March 2023. Received communication from Charter/Spectrum that WJMN was relocated from channels 3 and 788 to channels 4 and 789 and WZMQ2 was rebranded from Start TV to CBS and launched on channels 3 and 788. WZMQ2 will also continue to be carried on channel 193.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Not present.
- B. Assessor: Not present.

Clerk's Report:

Received and filed a project status inquiry from Crum & Forster regarding McQuisten Park Boardwalk repairs. Files our annual payroll information with Burnham & Flower (Pension Plan). Attended an online Elections Security training. Beginning to work on county commissioner district changes with Bureau of Elections. Mailed W-2's and 1099's.

Supervisor's Report:

Attended Board of Review training along with all members. It is required every other year. Attended a Recycling Grant webinar. Received a request from Alger County Road Commission Engineer, Bob Lindbeck, to have them install no parking signs on Prospect Street near the fire hall. A Volunteer Fire Department fireman had concerns with vehicles and snowmobile trailers making it difficult for the fire trucks to exit onto the street.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Generator: Board discussed bids and the need to get estimate to run gas line to make a more informed decision. Still waiting for a third bid. Board tabled until next month.
- B. American Rescue Plan Funds: Funds received - \$152,117.65.

New Business:

- A. 2022-2023 Budget: Board discussed budget and possible uses for ARPA funds; office complex parking lot, generator, 911 signs, playground, cemetery, McQuisten recreation area parking lot. Board would like input from the community; therefore, scheduled a public meeting for April 4th at 6:00 p.m. prior to regular board meeting.

- B. Poverty Exemption Guidelines: A resolution was offered by Balko/supported by Howard to **adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2022, plus 25%. Roll call vote: Willson-yes, Decet-yes, Graves-absent, Howard-yes, and Balko-yes. 4 yes, 0 nay, 1 absent.** Howard declared the resolution passed.
- C. Tri County Volunteer Fire Department - Offer on Fire Truck: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **accept offer of \$35,000 for the 2000 Freightliner.** Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department: Present and provided update. Fire Chief Anderson thanked the board for supporting the fire department.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report:

- 7 Township Board 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Private Rental

Treasurer's Report: Deputy Treasurer Miron read the Treasurers Report.

Balance Savings (01/01/22): \$325,426.67. Receipts: \$305,560.42. Disbursements: \$34,982.00.
Balance Savings (01/31/22): \$596,005.09. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$157,009.81. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$138,438.00. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$9,683.88. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,042.19. Balance General Fund: \$297.42.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 8025 through 8102, including voided checks 8085 through 8092.** Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex. The Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget will be held as part of this Munising Township Regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment:

Moved Willson/seconded Decet, to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor