

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2, 2022 7:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.**

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**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: Bob Balko, Janet Miron, Jolene Hetherington, Mike Sadak, Shelley Sadak, Larry Popowiecki, William Hase, Brice Burge of Munising Beacon, and Harold Anderson.

Supervisor Howard opened our May 2, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:**

Concerns voiced by several residents regarding the gravel pit permit issued. They want to appeal and want the township to step in and put a “voluntary stay on permit” before work begins. Residents asked why they don’t have more time to act, why isn’t the Zoning Board of Appeals involved, and why does it go to circuit court. Rumors that Bacco will use Lindberg’s land instead of Kinnunen’s. Howard said she would run all of this by the township attorney for advice.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of April 4, 2022 Township Board special meeting.** Carried. Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of April 4, 2022 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried. Moved Howard/seconded Willson to **approve minutes of April 19, 2022 Township Board special meeting.** Carried.

**Clerk’s Correspondence:**

Received more input from residents for the use of the ARPA funds. Received the April issue of Michigan Township Participating Plan News.

**Supervisor’s Correspondence:**

Received Notice from Charter Communications that on or around May 3, 2022, they will launch Circle (HD) on Tier 1, ch 483. Circle is a new TV network dedicated to entertaining country fans. Received Notice from UPPCO requesting approval for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan for the twelve months ending December 31, 2021 on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. Also, UPPCO sent a letter regarding Karcz Utility Service inspecting their equipment between May and November. Received a Michigan Railroads Association newsletter. Received Planning and Zoning Solar Energy System training information from EGLE. There are Zoom Webinar options along with an in-person in Marquette on May 16 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. MTA is also offering Introduction to Planning & Zoning training in May. The closest one is in Gaylord but there is an online option.

**Requested Items:**

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

**Clerk’s Report:**

Received the new workers compensation policy effective May 7. Attended two Planning Commission meetings in April. The draft minutes from the April 14 Planning Commission meeting and the April 27 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting are in your packet. The quarterly statements from John Hancock are in your packets. Currently working on a FOIA request pertaining to the Bacco/Kinnunen gravel pit. Updated the website. Recertifying our ballot containers May 12.

**Supervisor’s Report:**

Completed the ARPA Funds Compliance Report. Munising Township will be hosting the next Regional Government meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. I’ve been in contact with Ken Kaiser, Trimedia, and we plan on doing a walk-through of the cemetery property when the snow is gone.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: Board discussed gathering more information and quotes for 2 tennis courts (including Pickleball) to MHSAA regulations; playground equipment and solid surface/rubber at playground; pave/cement old tennis court area and parking lot at Munising Township Office Complex and McQuisten Park; and coordinating with other entities for 911 signs.
- B. Board Member Compensation for Additional Duties: Board tabled.
- C. Alger Falls Property Water and Sewer Hook Up: No update; attorney is handling.

- D. Treasurer Resignation: Moved Willson/seconded Balko to **accept the resignation of Nicole Graves**. Carried.

**New Business:**

- A. Open Board Positions: Moved Howard/seconded Willson to **appoint Carmon Decet to the vacant Treasurer position**. Carried. Moved Balko/seconded Howard to **appoint Jolene Hetherington to the Trustee position**. Carried.
- B. Dust Control: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **coordinate with ACRC and set date for dust control**. Carried.
- C. Treasurer Training: Moved Howard/seconded Balko to **approve up to \$300 for Decet to attend introductory classes**. Carried.
- D. Meal Allowance Policy: Board discussed meal allowance. Moved Willson/seconded Balko to **develop a policy and follow federal rate guidelines**. Carried.
- E. Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Open Positions: Howard will advertise for Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission members. Moved Howard/seconded Decet to **appoint Jolene Hetherington to Planning Commission as Board Representative and to Zoning Board of Appeals as alternate**. Carried.
- F. Support Senior All Night Committee: No letter received.
- G. Support 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **appropriate \$300 to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee**. Carried.
- H. Insurance Policy and Payment: Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **pay 2022 Par Plan Insurance Renewal**. Carried.
- I. Ant Problem: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **hire a professional exterminator for under \$1,000 annually**. Carried.
- J. Boardwalk Repairs: Board discussed wear and tear to the boardwalk and contacting Johnson Brothers to see if they are interested in keeping it maintained.

**Committee/Policy Reports:** None.

**Fire Department:**

Present and provided update. Training ends last week of May and 5 firemen are expected to complete.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Building Report:**

2	Township Board – 7:00 p.m.	10	CLOSED
3	Private Rental	25	Regional Government – 4:00 p.m.
7	Private Rental	28	Private Rental
9	Private Rental	29	Private Rental
		30	Private Rental

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance Savings (04/01/22): \$708,721.00. Receipts: \$51,691.44. Disbursements: \$67,804.06.  
Balance Savings (04/30/22): \$692,608.38. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$130,884.61. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$199,993.01. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$9,689.85. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,042.44. Balance General Fund: \$215.38.

**Pay Bills:**

Moved Balko/seconded Decet, to **pay bills with checks numbered 8231 through 8306**. Carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

**Adjournment:**

Moved Decet/seconded Howard, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor

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