

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2022 7:00 p.m. – 9:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor Lisa Howard, Clerk Patty Willson, Treasurer Carmon Decet, Trustee Selina Balko, and Trustee Jolene Hetherington. Board Members Absent: None. Also, present: Bob Balko, Janet Miron, Dick Bowerman, Mike Sadak, Shelley Sadak, Larry Popowiecki, William Hase, Carolyn Cornish, Savana Lare, Rhonda Lassila, Brice Burge of Munising Beacon, Harold Anderson, John Murk, Brandon Lewis, Hunter MacArthur, Mark Lindeblad, CJ Petosky, Justen Knuttila, Dan Carlson, Steve Dausey, Ty Nesberg, Jeff Contreras, and Ryan Price.

Supervisor Howard opened our June 6, 2022 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Concerns voiced by several residents regarding the new gravel pit on Percy Road. Howard explained that any potential violations concerning the gravel pit should be brought to the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of May 2, 2022 Township Board regular meeting.**
Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received a letter from College Laundry & Rentals notifying us that they've changed hands but are still operating with the same team and providing the same product and service. Received a notice that Miners Castle parking lot and surrounding area will be closed June 8th and 9th to replace the septic system. Work will continue into the summer. Received notification that grants are available for jurisdictions to implement additional election security measures for the 2022 election. Would be nice to look into this for security cameras at building access and at the AV drop box, also barcode scanners.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received a letter from American Transmission Company stating that they need a new easement to continue operating and maintaining the transmission line that runs by the corner of our property on Old Indiantown Road. They sent a survey request form to allow their contractor, Coleman, to mark the new easement area so we will be able to see it. Received Notice from Charter that the Shop HQ Health, channel 180, will be replaced the QVC 3 on channel 695 and Hindi View will be rebranded to India View with 19 new channels at a price increase of \$5 per month. Received a letter from Symphony Wireless offering to buy our cell tower lease. Received a DTE Natural Gas Pipeline Safety pamphlet and one Superiorland Gas.

Requested Items:

- A. Michigan Air National Guard: Captain Andrew Layton and Lt Col Brian Wyrzykowski introduced themselves and described the aircraft landings as a historic training event about to take place in Alger County. The training will take place June 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to end by 3:00 p.m. We can expect approximately 12 aircrafts landing on M-28 and a drop at Hanley. Highway M28 will be closed to traffic during this time.
- B. Zoning Administrator: Present and provided update. Would like to see the Vacation Rental Application available on the website.
- C. Assessor: Present and provided update.

Clerk's Report:

Selina and I will be attending election training this week. Auditors will be here next week. Updated the website. The County sent us a list of parcels within our township that are up for bid. We have until June 25th if we are interested. Responded to another FOIA request on the Tractor Supply property. Phone conference with Integris and verified the VPN for transmitting election results to the County is working as it should. Participated in a survey with other clerks in the County to compare township salaries.

Supervisor's Report:

Walked the cemetery property with TriMedia, Ken Kaiser. We marked a few trees. He is meeting with a forester as the next step. Township Clean-Up Day went well thanks to Carmon and Roger. We filled two roll offs in Shingleton and had 128 vehicles, 7 recyclers and 24 mattresses/box springs at the landfill.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: Howard getting budgetary quotes for tennis courts (including Pickelball), Office Complex parking lot, McQuisten Park parking lot, and playground surface material.
- B. Board Member Compensation for Additional Duties: Board discussed and tabled.
- C. Alger Falls Property Water and Sewer Hook Up: Attorney to address concerns with Agreement.
- D. Meal Allowance Policy: Board tabled.
- E. Boardwalk Repairs: Cliff, of Johnson Brothers, will provide estimate at rate of \$85/hour.

New Business:

- A. McQuisten Park Ballfield – Sand: Bichler sand estimate between \$500-600. Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **spend up to \$750 on sand for ballfield**. Carried.
- B. McQuisten Park Playground Equipment Installation: Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **pay Doug from Penchura \$1,250 to help with playground equipment installation**. Carried.
- C. Security Cameras and Door Access: Board discussed replacing 5 doors with keypad entry and installing 5 cameras. Tabled for more information (post install fees) and additional quotes.
- D. Repaving the Office Complex Parking Lot: Moved Decet/seconded Howard to **accept Superior Paving’s quote of \$89,000 for asphalt paving of new expanded parking lot plus \$5,000 for restoration/shouldering (topsoil) and use ARPA funds for project**. Carried.
- E. Budget Amendment: Moved Willson/seconded Hetherington to **amend budget and increase Fire Department “Fire Equipment” by \$80,000, decrease Building and Grounds “Improvements” by \$40,000, and decrease Parks and Recreation “Recreation Improvements” by \$40,000**. Carried.
- F. Foreclosed Properties: Moved Hetherington/seconded Willson to **waive right to purchase property foreclosed upon March 31, 2022**. Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department:

Present and provided update. The fire department awarded two scholarships this year using golf tournament funds.

Public Comment:

Resident would like to see the monthly meeting agenda posted on the website. Willson will post.

Building Report:

4	Private Rental	9	Election Training for Clerks and Deputy Clerks
6	Township Board – 7:00 p.m.	13	Private Rental
8	Planning Commission	18	Private Rental

Pavilion reserved for the 5th and 11th.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (05/01/22): \$692,608.38. Receipts: \$58,718.80. Disbursements: \$64,956.25.
Balance Savings (05/31/22): \$686,370.93. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$174,851.14. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$211,915.01. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$12,689.85. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,042.62. Balance General Fund: \$220.32.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington, to **pay bills with checks numbered 8307 through 8389, including voided check number 8362**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Willson/seconded Hetherington, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk