

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022 7:00 p.m. – 9:20 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: Janet Miron, Rhonda Lassila, Barry Hoover, Bob Helsel, Stephanie McAllister, Rachel/John Nadeau, Zoning Administrator Kathleen Lindquist, and Fire Chief Harold Anderson.

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

Public Comment:

Rhonda Lassila of MBTN asked permission to run connector trail between the pond and FFH13 which would link Valley Spur to McQuisten Recreation area. Board consensus to allow connector trail. Concerns voiced about a possible short-term rental coming on Lehnen Road. Howard explained that rentals are allowed in Rural Residential areas with a permit. Howard also informed the public of Noise Ordinance if any disturbances arise. Comment was received about issues with trespassers on personal property and vehicle storage, etc. on adjoining property. Howard advised to take complaint to the Planning Commission meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **approve minutes of August 1, 2022 Township Board regular meeting**. Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower. Received thank you letter from MTA for renewing Association membership. Received Proof of Service from MI Tax Tribunal for a reduction request of assessed and state equalized value (DG Munising MI LLC). Received training opportunity from MTA, the Regional Summit at Holiday Inn, Marquette on October 4-5. Received the Fahey's August newsletter.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received notice from Charter Communications that on August 1 the Black News channel will be rebranded to TheGrio HD, on or around August 16, they will launch GAC Family in high definition on channel 133, on or around September 7, they will launch EarthX TV on channel 689 and on or around October 1 Caracol Television HD will be added to the SPP Latino Tier on channel 851. Received correspondence from CUPPAD seeking comment on the 2022-2030 Superior Region Nonmotorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy by September 9th. Received a Michigan Railroads Association brochure and a couple brochures from MTA for training opportunities on September 12 and October 4 & 5. Received a thank you from MBTN for our sponsorship support and a thank you from Munising Public School for our support for the Mather Playground.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present and provided report. Lindquist addressed the comments received during public comment and will follow up with the complaints. Lindquist asked that they contact her if any issues arise as she would like to stay informed.
- B. Assessor: Not present.

Clerk's Report:

The updated Wages/Salaries form is in your packets. Received the 2022 Tax Rate Request for Munising Township (L-4029). Received letter of interest from resident seeking a position on the ZBA and/or PC.

Supervisor's Report:

The new drop boxes got installed in the entry. The new playground equipment that we received through Great Start Collaborative Director, Angela Miller-Porter, was installed on Friday, September 2nd. A big THANK YOU to Harold Anderson for gathering most of the tools and equipment needed, our firemen that volunteered that day, Ken Swajanen, John Murk, Al Miron and Jeff Contreras, Doug Smith from Penchura directing the build, Sean Hayes, Kelly, Doug and Sawyer Sippl, Tim and Rhonda Lassila, Pat Sadler, Shawn Sadler, Jolene Hetherington, and Roger Carlson. Thanks to Gerou Excavating for unloading the play equipment off the delivery truck and delivering the concrete. Thanks again to all that contributed to the new addition to the park. A reminder that Township Clean-Up Day is September 24th from 8 am to noon.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: No new information.
- B. Alger Falls Property Water and Sewer Hook Up: Agreement accepted by all parties.
- C. Statutory Duty Pay Policy: Board discussed in detail. Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **adopt policy as written with additional amount for each election as follows: Clerk - \$2,000; Deputy Clerk - \$1,000.** Carried.
- D. Purchase of Projector Screen: Thank you to the school for the donated projector screen!

New Business:

- A. Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment(s): Moved Howard/seconded Decet to **appoint Robert Helsel to the Planning Commission with term ending in 2025.** Carried.
- B. Superiorland Gas Pre-Purchase Program: Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **pre-purchase 1,000 gallons at \$2.40 per gallon.** Carried.
- C. AED for Fire Department: Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **purchase AED for Fire Dept.** Carried.
- D. Budget Amendment(s): Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **decrease Fire Departments "Vehicle Maintenance" expense account by \$2,000 and increase Fire Departments "Miscellaneous" expense account by \$2,000.** Carried. Moved Howard/seconded Balko to **decrease Planning Commissions "Salaries" expense account by \$500 and increase Planning Commissions "Advertising" expense account by \$500.** Carried.
- E. Snowplowing Bids: Board consensus to run ad in Munising Beacon/Newberry News requesting bids for 3-year snow removal contract

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department:

Present and provided update.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report:

- 6 Township Board – 7 p.m.
 - 8 Munising Bay Quilt Guild – 5 p.m.
 - 12 Munising Bay Cruisers 6 p.m.
 - 14 Planning Commission – 7 p.m.
 - 19 Wetmore Community Club – 6:30 p.m.
 - 24 Township Clean-Up Day 8 a.m. - Noon
- Pavilion reserved for the 11th.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (07/31/22): \$819,770.03. Receipts: \$32,933.11. Disbursements: \$184,944.40.
Balance Savings (08/31/22): \$667,758.74. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$95,400.92. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$211,950.42. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$18,154.51. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,042.79. Balance General Fund: \$5,225.43.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington, to **pay bills with checks numbered 8534—8639, including voided check numbers 8616 through 8623.** Carried.

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor

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