

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2022 7:00 p.m. – 8:32 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, Cathy Pullen, Assessor Susan Bovan, Bob Balko, Dave Nelson, Norm Dodge, and Fire Chief Harold Anderson.

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

Public Comment:

Concern voiced about drain-off into pond and the need for silt fencing along the new trail. Cathy Pullen would like to see survey concerning Alger County's Recreation Plan added to the township's website.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to **approve minutes of October 3, 2022, Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received the Fahey newsletter. Received a request to put a survey on our website concerning Alger County's Recreation Plan. Received notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that their Enforcement Division is investigating Omnis Ursidae LLC's (Bear Trap) transfer of ownership application. Received the October issue of Par Plan News. Received letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower. Received training opportunities from MTA, the New Officials Training will take place in Gaylord on December 13 and Lansing on December 16. We were cc'd on a letter of compliance from Hiawatha Telephone Company to the Michigan Telecommunications Division.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received Notice of Hearing from UPPCO requesting Michigan Public Service Commission's approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the twelve months ending December 31, 2023, on Thursday, November 17 at 9 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. Received Notice from Charter Communications that on or around November 29 they will add Fox Weather HD on channel 688. Received a brochure from Michigan Railroad Association and a postcard about an Alger County Veteran Community Service Award Banquet on November 1 at the American Legion for veterans and a guest. Free tickets are available from the Alger County Veterans Affairs office. Received a thank you from Doug Smith, of Penchura, for the "amazing build day" for the new play structure at McQuisten Park.

Requested Items:

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

Clerk's Report:

Recent contact with the Bureau of Elections, MTA, and attorney regarding new requirements for absent voter drop boxes; whether video surveillance is required, how long surveillance should commence, current footage being subject to FOIA production, and how long must the footage be retained. Further guidance needs to come down from legislature, Secretary of State, or the Bureau of Elections before next election. I spoke with the auditor regarding budget amendments and if amendments are needed for each budget item that exceeds the budgeted amount. The auditor said that if each department is within budget there is no need to amend budget items. Election Day is tomorrow. Selina and I are busy processing absent voter (AV) ballot applications and ballots. We issued 369 ballots with approximately 91% returned so far. Placing W2/1099 order soon.

Supervisor's Report:

The new cameras and door locks were installed. Attended the Alger Recycling Conference. Completed the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Survey. Dealing with a noise complaint about roosters.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: Top two recommendations from the Recreation Committee: #1 – Playground Surface and, #2 – Tennis/Pickleball Courts. The existing playground needs sprucing up; would like to see toddler climbing structure and eliminate rockers. Board would like more information on the rubber surface vs. grass material surface, as well as one tennis court vs. two courts.

- B. Alger Chamber of Commerce/GMBED Request for Support: Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **appropriate \$5,000 in support of the Chamber**. Carried.
- C. Township Signs: Board discussed a letter board sign rather than electronic sign, and tabled.
- D. Cemetery Property Logging: Forester can no longer move forward due to size and USFS requirements. Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **pay Veneberg Forestry \$400 for work done**. Carried.

New Business:

- A. Election Worker Pay Schedule: Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **process a second payroll for all elections going forward**. Carried.
- B. Processing/Mailing Tax Bills: Estimated proposal from KCI was \$1,507.75. Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko to **accept the proposal from KCI to print future tax bills**. Carried.
- C. Township Officials Training/Conference: Moved Willson/seconded Decet to **register Hetherington for event and pay for one night of lodging**. Carried.
- D. Blight Complaint: Moved Hetherington/seconded Willson to **pursue blight complaint on Maple/Park Street, Shingleton property**. Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Anderson was present and provided an update. Lifesaving awards were presented to seven firefighters of the City of Munising and Munising Township this evening for their heroic efforts on July 1, 2022, for saving the life of a fellow firefighter. Also, congratulations, Hunter MacArthur, for completing the required firefighter training!

Public Comment:

Congratulations to Becky Burns for receiving Veteran Service Provider of the Year!

Building Report:

- 7 Township Board – 7 p.m.
- 8 ELECTION DAY – Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- 10 Munising Bay Quilt Guild – 5 p.m.
- 21 Wetmore Community Club – 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (09/30/22): \$655,285.43. Receipts: \$8,763.97. Disbursements: \$33,290.19. Balance Savings (10/31/22): \$630,759.21. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$96,025.06. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$69,195.60. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$18,165.95. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,043.06. Balance General Fund: \$5,290.38.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington, to **pay bills with checks numbered 8700—8772, excluding voided check number 8769**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Willson to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor