

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 9:02 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: Assessor Susan Bovan, Fire Chief Harold Anderson, Janet Miron, Bob and Stephanie Hesel, and Bob Balko.

Supervisor Howard opened our March 6, 2023, 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 February 6, 2023 Township Board regular meeting.** Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received Fahey newsletter.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received Notice from Charter Communications that on or around March 1st they will launch Stellar TV HD on channel 698.

Requested Items:

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

Clerk's Report:

Selina and I have been busy preparing for the May election and all the changes taking place. Ordered election supplies. Working on a FOIA request pertaining to our Fire Department.

Supervisor's Report:

Completed a DTE Gas Company survey. Our 5-Year Recreation Plan needs to be updated this year.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: Board discussed playground surfacing options and will get recommendation from Recreation Committee.
- B. Cemetery Property Logging: No action, revisit in the spring.

Adjournment from regular board meeting:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko to **adjourn regular board meeting.** Carried. We adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Public Hearing on Budget 2023/24

Supervisor called the public hearing on Township Budget 2023/24 to order at 7:27 p.m.

- 1. Discuss Budget Items: Proposed budget presented. The township is in good condition.
- 2. Public Comment: None.

Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **close Public Hearing.** Carried. We closed at 7:46 p.m.

Supervisor Howard call the regular board meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m.

New Business:

- A. Non-elected Position Wages: Board discussed and made no changes at this time.
- B. Adopt 2023/24 Budget: **A resolution was offered by Decet and supported by Balko to adopt the 2023/24 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Howard-yes, Balko-yes, Decet-yes, Willson-yes, and Hetherington-yes. 5 yes, 0 nay, 0 absent.** Howard declared the resolution passed.
- C. Adopt General Appropriations Resolution: **A resolution was offered by Balko and supported by Hetherington to adopt the 2023/24 General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Willson-yes,**

Balko-yes, Hetherington-yes, Howard-yes, and Decet-yes. 5 yes, 0 nay, 0 absent. Howard declared the resolution passed.

- D. Meeting Dates and Time: Moved Hetherington/supported by Decet that the **Township Board continue meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month with the following exceptions: Thursday, July 6, Tuesday, September 5, and Tuesday, January 2.** Carried.
- E. Banking Preference: Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to continue banking with PSB. Carried.
- F. Board of Review Appointments: Motion Howard/seconded Balko to **appoint Jon Mills and Ken Heyrman and Marianne Laskey as alternate to the Board of Review.** Carried.
- G. Support for UPSET: Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **appropriate \$2,000 to UPSET.** Carried.
- H. Spring Township Clean-up Day – May 6: Board discussed May 6 as spring clean-up day.
- I. Support for Tri County Volunteer Fire Department: Moved Balko/seconded Howard to **appropriate \$1,500 to Tri County Volunteer Fire Department.** Carried.
- J. Support for Alger Ice Arena: No action.
- K. MTA Conference and Expo – April 17-20 at Grand Traverse Resort: Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **register Howard for event.** Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department:

Present, and provided written report. Fire Chief is looking into purchasing airbags to aid with extraction.

Public Comment:

Concern voiced about campground possibly going in rather than airport upgrades. Supervisor Howard attended the airport committee meeting and said there is no plan to put in a campground at this point. She mentioned that Hanley Airport is a basic utility airport, requiring a bathroom, logbook, and phone.

Building Report:

- 6 Township Board meeting/Budget Hearing – 7 p.m.
- 7 Board of Review – Organizational meeting – 9 a.m.
- 8 Planning Commission – 7 p.m.
- 9 Munising Bay Quilt Guild – 5 p.m.
- 13 Board of Review – Appeal Hearing – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 13 Private rental
- 14 Board of Review – Appeal Hearing – 3 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (01/31/23): \$761,840.70. Receipts: \$123,767.60. Disbursements: \$80,752.30. Balance Savings (02/28/23): \$804,856.00. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$194,370.98. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$199,842.77. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$23,401.12. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,043.32. Balance General Fund: \$5,316.64.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington, to **pay bills with checks numbered 8983—9022.** Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor