

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 9:12 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, Barry Hoover, Brice Burge (Munising Beacon), Assessor Susan Bovan, Dean Seaberg, Codey Grahovac, and Fire Chief Harold Anderson.

Supervisor Howard opened our May 1, 2023, meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Concern voiced by resident regarding vacation rentals and would like a meeting scheduled where township residents can discuss concern and provide input.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **approve minutes of April 3, 2023 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received Fahey newsletter. John Hancock invoicing went digital. Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore released visitation numbers for 2022. PRNL and surrounding communities welcomed 925,685 visitors to the park in 2022, an increase of 7.23% from pre-Covid. MTA offering Cemetery Management & Administration workshop in June. Received the April issue of Par Plan News and a letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received communication from American Tower that they are actively reviewing its portfolio of sites to determine ways to maintain a more efficient and economical portfolio based on current market conditions. Received communication from Charter that effective May 16 the price for unreturned residential embedded multimedia terminal adapters will reduce by \$1 per month. Received Notice from UPPCO requesting Michigan Public Service Commission for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan for the twelve months ending December 31, 2022 on May 10 at 10 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. UPPCO has hired Asplundh Tree Expert Co to prune or remove trees to minimize electrical outages, fire hazards or other dangers in Munising Township.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Not present.
- B. Assessor: Present, provided update. Susan is getting things prepared for the new assessor.
- C. CUPPAD – Recreation Plan – Ryan Carrig: Ryan did not make the meeting due to weather conditions.

Clerk's Report:

Participated in a MI Dept of State Prop 2022-2 Survey, an Accident Fund Survey, and a USPS Election Mail Survey. Election Day is tomorrow. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Selina and I have processed 270 AV ballots with 83.33% returned as of 4 p.m. today. We conducted our Public Accuracy on April 10, and all went well. Office was open April 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to distribute or receive absent voter applications and/or ballots or to register voters.

Supervisor's Report:

Township Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Scrap Tire Event is Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Township Parking Lot. Submitted the ARPA funds compliance report. Attended the MTA Conference & Expo. Very educational sessions.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: Report submitted.
- B. Cemetery Property Logging: Power box needs to be moved, took pictures.
- C. 911/Address Signs: The Board along with Commissioner Dean Seaberg and Codey Grahovac of Rescue 21 discussed the need for consistency in 911/address sign placement. First responders are looking for these signs. Throughout the county many of these signs are rusty and hard to see or removed from properties. Discussed 2-sided address signs that are visible from both directions and

the possibility of adopting an ordinance stating stipulations. The Board would like to see monetary involvement from the County in updating 911/address signs across the county. Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **purchase 18" x 6", red with white reflective lettering, 911/address signs on painted green channel post from Lange Enterprises per individual pricing on quote dated March 15, 2023.** Carried.

- D. Assessor Applications: Two applicants interviewed. Both were good candidates. Recommendation is to hire Corey McLaughlin. Board discussed. Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **offer Corey McLaughlin the assessor position at \$31,860 annually beginning July 1, 2023.** Carried.

New Business:

- A. McQuisten Park Sign Posts: Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko to **purchase wood posts.** Carried.
- B. Dust Control: Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **accept quote from Bay Dust Control.** Carried.
- C. Accept Credit Carding as Form of Payment: Board discussed and will gather more information.
- D. Munising Beacon Subscription: Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **purchase annual Munising Beacon subscription.** Carried.
- E. Spark Grant Application: Kathy Reynolds helping with Spark Grant to resubmit.

Committee/Policy Reports:

APRD is looking for a bus driver for Day Camp.

Fire Department:

Present, and provided written report.

Public Comment: None.

Building Report:

- 1 Township Board meeting – 7 p.m.
- 2 Election Day – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 6 Township Clean-up Day – 8 a.m. to Noon
- 8 Private rental
- 11 Munising Bay Quilt Guild – 5 p.m.
- 13 Private rental
- 15 Wetmore Community Club – 6 p.m.
- 20 Scrap Tire Collection – 8 a.m. to Noon
- 27 Private rental
- 28 Private rental

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (03/31/23): \$793,599.98. Receipts: \$52,001.89. Disbursements: \$50,052.13. Balance Savings (04/30/23): \$595,549.74. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$81,084.23. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$245,837.32. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$23,415.54. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,043.49. Balance General Fund: \$5,348.64. Balance CD – Embers: \$200,000.00. Balance CD – Embers/FTMillage: \$150,000.00. Balance Savings – Embers: \$5.00.

Pay Bills:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington, to **pay bills with checks numbered 9136 – 9201.** Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall.

Adjournment:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor