

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 9:15 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, Ryan Carrig (CUPPAD), Brice Burge (Munising Beacon), Assessor Susan Bovan, and Corey McLaughlin.

Supervisor Howard opened our June 5, 2023, meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **approve minutes of May 1, 2023 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received Fahey newsletter. Received letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower. MTA offering classes July 18 and 19 at the Island Resort in Harris; Cemetery Management & Administration AND Insights into Planning & Zoning on July 18 and Financial Fundamentals AND Hot Topic for Township Fire Departments on July 19.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received notice from Charter Communications that on or around May 31 they will launch two new channels, ION Mystery on channel 188 and Bounce on channel 200. Received notice from UPPCO that they have contracted with Karcz Utility Service to inspect their equipment (poles, wires, guys, underground facilities, and substation equipment), which will occur between May and November of this year. Received Notice of Demand to Michigan Alger County Officers to cease & desist ERIC (Electronic Record Information Center) contract.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present, provided update.
- B. Assessor: Present, provided update. Susan introduced the new assessor, Corey McLaughlin. Susan recommended we purchase Pivot Point and an iPad to streamline the collection and management of data more efficiently. Board consensus to send questionnaires with a pre-paid envelope included.
- C. CUPPAD – Recreation Plan – Ryan Carrig: Deadline is February. Recreation survey/QR code will be posted online. Howard to schedule a meeting with the Recreation Committee and CUPPAD.

Clerk's Report:

We had a 23% voter turnout for the May Election. A huge snowstorm resulted in approximately 10 inches of heavy wet snow and power outages. Thankful for battery backed up election equipment. Also, thankful for my election inspectors... every one of them made it here! Power outages and trees blocking the roads didn't stop them! They showed up with flashlights and even a propane heater. Auditors are scheduled to be here next week. Updated my contact information online in the Election Official Directory database. The minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeal's May 9 meeting are included in your packets. Responded to a FOIA request.

Supervisor's Report:

Township Clean Up Day went well. We had 109 vehicles and about 12 recyclers at the landfill. We filled two roll offs in Shingleton. The Scrap Tire Event collected 311 tires from Munising Township residents and 90 from City residents. There will be an Electronic Waste/Refrigeration collection at Munising High School on June 16 and 17. Dust Control was applied to the gravel roads on May 24 and 26. The sprinkler system had a broken pipe which A-1 Sprinkler Service repaired. Ordered 9 yards of baseball infield sand from Bichler's in Escanaba.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: Balko would like to see a generator purchased in the future.
- B. Cemetery Property Logging: Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko to **have UPPCO relocate electric box to benefit re-design of cemetery**. Carried.
- C. Credit Cards as Form of Payment: Board discussed and will research later. Removed from agenda.

New Business:

- A. Township Newsletter: Board discussed. Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to **send Township Newsletter with July 1 tax bills**. Carried.
- B. American Tower Lease: Moved Howard/seconded Decet to **decline offer to reduce rent**. Carried.
- C. Blight Complaints: Moved Balko/seconded Willson **not recommended to pursue blight on Powell Lake**. Carried. Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **pursue blight on Carmody Road**. Carried.
- D. Par Plan Insurance Renewal: Moved Willson/seconded Balko to **renew/pay invoice**. Carried.
- E. MTA Dues: Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **pay invoice**. Carried.
- F. Alger Parks & Recreation Partnership: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **pay invoice**. Carried.
- G. Annual Ant Remediation: Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **remediate ants annually**. Carried.
- H. Boardwalk Repairs: Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko to **spend up to \$5,000 for boardwalk repairs**. Carried.
- I. Fire Department Computer Purchase: Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **purchase computer for \$1,259**. Carried.
- J. Fire Department Grant: Moved Howard/seconded Willson to **apply for MI Fire Equipment Grant for \$10,000 to purchase turnout gear; and to purchase five sets right now**. Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports:

APRD found a bus driver for Day Camp! Howard is working on resubmitting Spark Grant.

Fire Department:

Present, and provided written report. The fire department awarded two scholarships. Munising Township Fire Department’s Annual Two-Hole Golf Tournament is July 22.

Public Comment:

Received public comment regarding prisoners and if they are counted in census for Township or City. Decet would like to see rock landscaping added around township building and the new sign post painted/stained with lattice added. Howard would like to do something with the standing water at the corner of the building.

Building Report:

1	Democratic Party – 6 p.m.	11	Private rental
4	Private rental	12	Munising Bay Cruisers – 6 p.m.
5	Township Board meeting – 7 p.m.	14	Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.
7	Democratic Party – 6 p.m.	24	Private rental
8	Munising Bay Quilt Guild – 5 p.m.		
10	Private rental		Pavilion 2, 3, 10, 24

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (04/30/23): \$595,549.74. Receipts: \$18,098.53. Disbursements: \$37,982.04. Balance Savings (05/31/23): \$575,666.23. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$81,150.40. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$245,977.92. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$23,415.54. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,044.09. Balance General Fund: \$7,008.78. Balance CD – Embers: \$200,000.00. Balance CD – Embers/FTMillage: \$150,000.00. Balance Savings – Embers: \$5.00.

Pay Bills:

Moved Hetherington /seconded Balko, to **pay bills with checks numbered 9202 – 9313**. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Howard to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor