

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 6, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.**

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**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, Janet Miron, Zoning Administrator Kathleen Lindquist, Assessor Corey McLaughlin, Brice Burge (Munising Beacon), Bob Lindbeck (Alger County Road Commission), and Jennifer Figler (Office of Representative Jenn Hill).

Supervisor Howard opened our July 6, 2023, meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:**

Jennifer Figler, Representative for Jenn Hill, introduced herself and mentioned two upcoming events.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **approve minutes of June 5, 2023 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence:**

Received Anderson, Tackman & Company newsletter. Received thank you letter from UPSET and a thank you from the Munising 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee

**Supervisor's Correspondence:**

Received Notice of Hearing from UPPCO requesting approval of its Energy Waste Reduction costs, revenues, and revised surcharges for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022, on Wednesday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. Received communications from Charter that around July 28 they will launch AMC+ on channel 604, And around August 1 they will launch Jewish Broadcasting Service on channel 480, Jewish Life Television on channel 481, and WNMU 3 PBS HD on channel 779.

**Requested Items:**

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present and provided update. Working on digitizing the zoning files.
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update.

**Clerk's Report:**

Auditors were here in June. The minutes from the Planning Commission's June 27 meeting and the Zoning Board of Appeals June 28 meeting are included in your packets. Responded to a revised FOIA request.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Received repayment from Alger County Conservation District of a \$7,000 loan that originated on May 3, 2000. The Recreation Committee met with CUPPAD and finalized the public input survey for the 5-Year Recreation Plan. Reapplied for the Spark Grant. Applied for the Michigan Fire Equipment Grant, \$10,000 for turn-out gear with award notification in August. Applied for a DNR Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant, \$10,000 for turn-out gear, 50% match grant, with award notification in December. Confirmed 260 addresses for Lange Enterprise.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: Gathering more information on revenue sharing; the timeframe differs from the federal timeframe.
- B. Cemetery Property Logging: No update.

**New Business:**

- A. Road Priority List: Discussed road improvement schedule and will meet again next month to discuss.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment – Todd Dejong: Motion Howard/seconded Willson to **appoint Todd Dejong to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term ending in 2026**. Carried.
- C. Ballfield Stairs: Received two estimates; one from Johnson Brother's, and the second from Lucas Construction. Board discussed and would like more details included to better compare. Tabled.
- D. Gravel Walkway: Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to **restore gravel portion of boardwalk**. Carried.

- E. Fertilizer Spreader/Fertilizer: Moved Hetherington/seconded Willson to **approve up to \$1,000 to fertilize and maintain McQuisten Park**. Carried.
- F. Grand Island Township Letter: Board discussed and would like to schedule a workshop.
- G. IT Services: Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko to **proceed with Jason's (Angry PC) recommendation and assistance with recommended IT services**. Carried.
- H. Cash Drawer: Moved Decet/seconded Howard to **purchase a cash box and start a cash drawer for receptionist use**. Carried.
- I. MBTN: Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **support MBTN for \$250**. Carried.

**Committee/Policy Reports:**

Playground equipment should arrive the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July followed by the rubber mulch.

**Fire Department:**

Not present; report submitted.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Building Report:**

- 2 Private rental
- 6 Township Board meeting – 7 p.m.
- 7 Private rental
- 10 Private rental
- 11 CUPPAD – 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Munising Bay Quilt Guild – 5 p.m.
- 18 Board of Review – 9 a.m.

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**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance Savings (05/31/23): \$577,166.23. Receipts: \$25651.19. Disbursements: \$184,602.87. Balance Savings (06/30/23): \$418,214.55. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$81,861.01. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$247,011.75. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$21,982.35. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,044.76. Balance General Fund: \$4,003.78. 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 9314 – 9370**. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

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

**Adjournment:**

Moved Willson/seconded Hetherington to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor