

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 8:44 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, Janet Miron, Zoning Administrator Kathleen Lindquist, Assessor Corey McLaughlin, Bob Lindbeck and Dan Carlson (Alger County Road Commission), Terry Bower and Jon Young (Shingleton Youth Group), and Cherie Konrad.

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

Public Comment:

Concern voiced regarding condemned house on Ceder Street.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **approve minutes of July 6, 2023 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence/Report:

Received a thank you for renewing our membership with MTA. Received letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower. Received the July issue of Par Plan News. Received a letter of advertisement from First National Bank regarding current CD rates (12mo @4.40% & 24mo @4.60%). Received notices from DTE regarding pre-hearings scheduled for August 15, 17, and 24. Updated our list of authorized purchasers on our Menards account. Updated Corey's information on the Website. Reviewed our permit information specific to our jurisdiction for the state funded return of absent voter ballot and ballot applications.

Supervisor's Correspondence/Report:

Received Notice of Hearing from UPPCO seeking approval of its Energy Waste Reduction Plan and related surcharges for the 24-month period ending December 31, 2025 on Wednesday, August 16 at 9 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. Received correspondence from Charter that on or after August 9 they will be raising the price of just about everything. Notified by the Local Community Stabilization Authority that there was an error in the May 2023 METRO distribution funding, and we were overpaid \$22.43. This will be corrected in the May 2024 METRO ACT payment. Attended Board of Review. The new equipment is installed at the playground and the rubber mulch is almost done. Roger, Rich Cook and I installed the four play panels. Harold, Roger, Jeff Contreras and I installed the Cozy Dome. Harold, Carmon and I installed the landscape fabric. Ty Nesberg, Dan Carlson, Harold Anderson, Rich Cook and I dumped the rubber mulch bags. Some of the people that I know spread the mulch is Jolene Hetherington, Jared and Rae Bowerman, Michelle Hach, James and Elisheba Petersen, Tricia Valiquette, Perry Baij and myself.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present, submitted report and provided update.
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: No update.
- B. Cemetery Property Logging: No update.
- C. Road Priority List: Board discussed the road improvement schedule for 2025-29 millage funds.
- D. Ballfield Stairs: Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **accept Johnson Brother's quote for \$9,900 to install 4' wide stairs at the ballfield**. Carried.
- E. Grand Island Township: Grand Island Twp. would like to meet with Munising Twp. in September.

New Business:

- A. Assessor iPad, Pivot Point, ESRI ArcGIS, and Apex: Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko to **approve up to \$4,000 to provide assessor with necessary equipment and software needed to work more efficiently, and the annual software updates**. Carried.
- B. Lawn Mower: Board discussed purchasing a new lawn tractor or hiring a lawncare service. Board decided to act on getting township properties mowed.
- C. Shingleton Community Building Lease: Terry and Jon would like to continue the lease. Board consensus to fill propane tank and allow Roger to assist in stripping/re-waxing tile, repairing back

- step/porch, and installing hand railing.
- D. Playground Fence: Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to **approve up to \$2,000 for fencing along new toddler playground area**. Carried.
 - E. Fall Clean-Up Day: Board consensus to reserve September 30 (October 7 as backup) for clean-up.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Alger Parks and Recreation Department passed lead assessment for daycare. They are waiting on supplies.

Fire Department:

Not present; report submitted.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (06/30/23): \$418,214.55. Receipts: \$62,739.81. Disbursements: \$37,038.26. Balance Savings (07/31/23): \$443,916.10. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$81,911.23. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$247,163.70. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$21,997.15. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,045.40. Balance General Fund: \$5,529.93. 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 9371 – 9453, excluding voided check number 9371**. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Willson to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor