

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 7:50 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, and Brice Burge (Munising Beacon).

Supervisor Howard opened our September 5, 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 August 7, 2023 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence/Report:

Received the draft audited financial statements from Anderson, Tackman & Company. Received letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower. MTA is taking registrations for the Clerk's Retreat to be held September 26 and 27 in Harbor Springs. Updated our list of authorized purchasers on our Menards account. Last month it was our account in Marquette, this month I updated our account in Escanaba. Timber Products is planning to send our Fire Department a donation and requested paperwork to be filled out. Election Source will be visiting Alger County on Tuesday September 12 to perform preventative maintenance on our voting equipment, which will involve running diagnostics and election tests as well as cleaning the equipment. This year also includes an upgrade which adds more security measures to the equipment. Attending a virtual early voting clerk focus group session on September 15. Continually reviewing new information regarding early voting as well as new forms and envelopes available.

Supervisor's Correspondence/Report:

Received notice from Charter Communications regarding network and channel changes. Received communication from Hiawatha Telephone that they have partnered with Pinnacle Marketing Group to publish their Eastern Upper Peninsula Telephone Directory. The directory will be offered in multiple media types and be digital and mobile friendly. Pinnacle also offers website, social media, video production, logo development and other design services. Received pre-purchase program information from Superiorland Gas Company. The fencing around the playground is ready for pick up at Menards. Trudgeon Landscaping has been doing the mowing. Thirteen bags of trash were removed from Cedar Street. Fall Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 30 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present, submitted report and provided update.
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update. Training scheduled for October 2 in Rudyard.

Unfinished Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds: No update.
- B. Cemetery Property Logging: Ad to go in newspaper requesting bids by Sept. 29 for expansion project.
- C. Grand Island Township: Special meeting scheduled for Sept. 7 to discuss the idea of Grand Island Township becoming part of Munising Township.

New Business:

- A. SuperiorLand Gas Pre-Purchase Agreement: Moved Hetherington/seconded Willson to **pre-purchase 1,000 gallons at \$1.90 per gallon**. Carried.
- B. Treasurer BS&A Training: Carmon plans to attend training scheduled for November 4 in Marquette.
- C. Flag Football on Baseball Field: Board consensus to allow grades K through 6th to use baseball field.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Alger Parks and Recreation Department seeking contractor to install cement sidewalk from new emergency exit to existing sidewalk.

Fire Department:

Present; submitted report.

Public Comment:

Munising Beacon is in print... yayyy!

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (07/31/23): \$443,916.10. Receipts: \$58,182.29. Disbursements: \$96,686.42. Balance Savings (08/31/23): \$405,411.97. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$81,964.31. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$247,323.85. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$21,997.15. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,046.08. Balance General Fund: \$5,538.28. 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 9454 – 9516, excluding voided checks numbered 9462 and 9464.** Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Special meeting scheduled for Thursday September 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., both at the Munising Township Hall.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor