

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor Lisa Howard, Clerk Patty Willson, Treasurer Carmon Decet, and Trustee Jolene Hetherington. Board Members Absent: Trustee Selina Balko. Also present: Cherie Konrad, Kim Tyner, Norm Dodge, Assessor Corey McLaughlin, and Brice Burge (Munising Beacon).

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

Public Comment:

Concern voiced by resident regarding blight on Carmody Road. Wondering about the process and would like to see more improvement and action taken by the Health Department since there is a minor living at the premises. Lisa has been monitoring.

Update requested by two residents regarding blight/condemned house on Ceder Street. Lisa spoke with Building Inspector and confirmed that the house was condemned earlier this year. Health Department looking into the situation because of human waste. Lisa to contact the homeowner about boarding up.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of October 2, 2023 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence/Report:

Received notice of hearing for the gas customers of DTE to be held November 15 via video/teleconferencing for approval of depreciation accrual rates and other related matters. Received the October issue of Par Plan News. Received letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower. Received Fahey newsletters dated October 3 and October 31. Attended a Q&A meeting last week regarding elections hosted by our Democratic State Representative, Deputy Secretary of State, and a representative from the Department of Homeland Security.

Supervisor's Correspondence/Report:

Received letter from a cell tower lease buyout company, APWireless. Received Notice from UPPCO requesting approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2024 to be held November 16 via video/teleconferencing. Received a complaint of an unsafe and unhealthy structure on Cedar St. A complaint was filed with the LMAS Health Department and the Alger County Building Inspector has condemned it. Received a postcard from McKinsey Opiate Consultant Litigation regarding Opioids Class Action Settlement.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Not present but provided written update.
- B. Assessor: Present, and provided update.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Cemetery Property Expansion: Seaberg's are making progress.

New Business:

- A. Adopt Recreation Plan 2024-28: Board discussed changes addressed during the public hearing. **A resolution was offered by Howard and supported by Hetherington to adopt the Munising Township Parks and Recreation Plan for 2024 through 2028. Roll call vote: Willson-yes, Decet-yes, Hetherington-yes, Howard-yes, and Balko-absent. 4 yes, 0 nay, 1 absent.** Howard declared the resolution passed.
- B. Early Voting Site: Moved Howard/seconded Willson to **designate the Alger County Courthouse as Munising Township's early voting site**. Carried.
- C. Purchase Guide to Planning & Zoning and Planning & Zoning Decision-Making: Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **purchase six additional books for each ZBA member and one for the office**. Carried.
- D. Review Miscellaneous Township Policies: Board reviewed the miscellaneous policies and discussed updating the policies for Emergency Repairs and the Bidding Process. Tabled until next meeting.
- E. Possible Future Projects: Board discussed and prioritized future projects and will research grants that might be available.

- F. Scrap 1978 Toro Wheel Horse Tractor: Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **scrap the 1978 tractor**. Carried.
- G. Recycling Curbside Pickup: Board discussed curbside interest and will research it further.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Inspection happening soon at APRD daycare.

Fire Department:

Present, and provided update.

Public Comment:

The hearing regarding the animal shelter is November 8 at 1:15 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings (09/30/23): \$373393.87. Receipts: \$124515.46. Disbursements: \$105054.14. Balance Savings (10/31/23): \$392855.19. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$82181.58. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$34234.27. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$22011.01. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1047.73. Balance General Fund: \$5908.06. Balance CD – Embers: \$200000.00. Balance CD – Embers/FTMillage: \$150000.00. Balance Savings – Embers: \$5.00.

Pay Bills:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Howard, to **pay bills with checks numbered 9573 – 9634**. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall.

Adjournment:

Moved Willson/seconded Hetherington to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8.15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor