

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2024 7:00 p.m. – 8:01 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: Assessor Corey McLaughlin, Bob Balko, Zoning Administrator Kathleen Lindquist, Fire Chief Harold Anderson, Norm Dodge and Ron Bell.

Supervisor Howard opened our July 1, 2024, 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 June 3, 2024 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence/Report:

Received Fahey newsletter. Received a thank you for support receipt from the Munising 4th of July Committee. Received an invite to the Marquette County League of Women Voters'. Received letter of interest from Landmark Dividend to purchase cellular tower. Received the 2024 Tax Rate Request L-4029 Form pertaining to Munising Public Schools. Received notice that WEX Bank, issuer of our Circle K Fleet card is updating the terms and conditions of our Agreement. Late fees will be increasing to \$75 effective August 15.

Absent Voter Ballots for the August 6 state primary election have been sent out to those voters on the permanent ballot list. Selected election workers. Pre-accuracy testing of election equipment will take place later this week. Held the Election Commission meeting on July 1. Public Accuracy is scheduled for July 22 at 4:30 p.m. Munising Township will be open for early voting Saturday, August 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Selina and I will be handling the August and November elections for Onoto Township due to their clerk resigning. We received reimbursement from Grand Island for the February and May elections. We received a refund from QuickBooks and it was applied to our credit card resulting in a \$901 credit on our credit card. Updated the website. Selina and I attended the 2024 Election Cycle Training on June 20 and the Election Prep Class on June 25. Election Inspector training is being offered on July 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and July 24 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in working elections. The minutes from the June 12 Planning Commission meeting are included in your packets.

Supervisor's Correspondence/Report:

Received Notice from DTE Gas Company requesting approval for the reconciliation of its Revenue Decoupling Mechanism for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, on July 11 at 10 a.m. via video/teleconferencing. Received Notice from Charter Communication of price increases on some of their entertainment products on or after July 16. Received a letter from Local Community Stabilization Authority informing us that we received an overpayment of \$22.43 of METRO ACT funding in May 2023. This was corrected in our May 2024 payment.

Submitted reimbursement paperwork for 2024 Infrastructure Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant. That was the 50% grant in which we purchased 4 sets of turn-out gear for the fire department. We will receive \$4,999. Ramp is ordered for the playground. Beavers are back in Cox Pond. Roger and Howard Mannisto have been dealing with three of them. One has been trapped so far.

Requested Items:

- A. Zoning Administrator: Present and provided update.
- B. Assessor: Present and provided update. Passed audit!

Unfinished Business:

- A. Cemetery Property Expansion: Seaberg notified us that he is done at the cemetery! Tri Media will look at the cemetery this week.
- B. Shingleton Community Building: Board discussed possibly tearing down the building and constructing a pavilion in the future. No action taken.

New Business:

- A. County Designated Assessor Resolution: Board previously accepted the Interlocal Agreement, but after much discussion **a resolution was offered by Balko and supported by Howard to opt out of the Interlocal Agreement for Alger County to pursue a designated assessor for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. Roll call vote: Howard-yes, Balko-yes, Decet-yes, Willson-yes, and Hetherington-yes. 5 yes, 0 nay, 0 absent.** Howard declared the resolution passed.
- B. Support for Munising Bay Trail Network: Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **support MBTN for \$500.** Carried.
- C. Replace Playground Tire Swing: Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **purchase/replace tire swing for \$747.37.** Carried.

Committee/Policy Reports:

APRD Daycare passed fire inspection!

Fire Department:

After 46 years, Fire Chief Harold Anderson announced he is retiring! Board discussed to need to begin working on the job description/requirements, job posting, and the interview process.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's Report:

Present, and provided update.

Balance Savings (05/31/2024): \$192792.63. Receipts: \$69280.16. Disbursements: \$74359.89. Balance Savings (06/30/2024): \$187712.90. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$135262.85. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$236334.97. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$25603.63. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1054.75. Balance General Fund: \$5068.43. Balance CD – Embers: \$307656.10. Balance CD – Embers/FTMillage: \$255742.08. Balance Savings – Embers: \$5.00.

Pay Bills:

Moved Hetherington/seconded Balko, to **pay bills with checks numbered 10130 – 10185, excluding voided checks numbered 10130 and 10136.** Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor