

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting - February 2, 2010 - 7:00-8:25 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: Trustee-Lisa Howard, Supervisor-Dan Wilson, Clerk-Selina Balko, Treasurer-Bonnie Fulcher, Trustee-Wally Ahlborn. Absent: None. Visitors: Ron Bell, Iris Bell, Ken McPherson, Teri Grout, Kathy Smith, Janet Miron, Charles Starzyk, and Harold Anderson. Supervisor Wilson opened the February meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: Charles Starzyk asked for a couple of street lights on Gates Road. We only put street lights at intersections and where there are multiple families that wait for the school bus.

Approval of Minutes: Motion Fulcher/Second Howard to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence: Letter from Campbell, Kusterer and Company asking to be considered for our next audit.

Supervisor's Correspondence: Road Commission meeting being held tonight regarding second round of stimulus monies directed toward roads. Planning commission schedule of meetings for the next 12 months. Board of Review training. Department of Corrections stating that Cusino prison work camp is identified as a contaminated area.

Requested Items: A: Teri Grout-Alger Conservation District: Updates: We may be able to get a work crew through ACD again this summer. GIS maps are being developed and will be available to the township at no expense hopefully by this May. Since an emerald ash borer has now been found in Alger County, the funding from APHIS and ERA have been discontinued. APHIS has given enough funds to place 100 traps and MDA has given technical support and equipment. Now looking for money from other sources to fund setting these traps and would appreciate any amount of help toward this project. Also looking for annual support to ACD from the township. We will consider these requests at budget time.

Fire Department: Met with Risk Management last month. Our township is in good shape. They recommend that our fire extinguishers be tested on a yearly basis and that our firemen have annual physicals. This is a recommendation but most departments cannot afford to do this. There were two fire calls to car accidents.

Clerk's Report: Updated budget included in packet. We are looking okay so far, two more months to this budget.

Supervisor's Report: Working with Miller Canfield on road bonding. More information received on lawsuit over M28 frontal road dispute. Still working on unemployment fraud case. 2 more chapters to the master plan are on the reception desk for review. Working with Attorney Mike Summers on procedures to follow to be able to bill auto insurance companies when our fire department gets called to vehicle accidents. It is costing us more and more for these calls. It is going to be a long process but we need to get started on it. First we need to have an intergovernmental agreement defining when the fire department gets called out. Supervisor Wilson to meet with Sheriff Cromell on this.

Unfinished Business: A: Budget workshop dates: We will hold a budget workshop on March 16th at 7:00 p.m. Annual meeting is on March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

New Business: A: Shingleton Hall Rentals Policy: Kathy Smith, new president of SRC said that they would like to start using the building more for youth programs. They would also like to start holding BINGO there to raise money for their club. Could the township waive rental fee for funeral lunches at the community building? Is it true that the township is going to sell the building? We are not going to sell the building and would like to see it get used more often. We are willing to work with the club on usage of

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the building and rental fees. **B:** Tri County Fire Department request: They are requesting the \$1,500.00

that we normally give them. We will consider this at budget time. **C: Annual Wage Resolution: A resolution was offered by Howard and supported by Fulcher that the salaries for elected township officials remain the same for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Roll call vote: Wilson-yes, Ahlborn-yes, Fulcher-yes, Balko-yes, Howard-yes. All yes, no nays. Supervisor Wilson declared the resolution passed. D: Intragovernmental agreement for fire calls: Already covered under Supervisor's report.**

Committee/Policy Reports: Howard reported that she attended the GMBPED meeting and they have a lot of things going on. They are developing a website that can have a link to our website on it and they can take over updating our site if we would like. They have bulk mailing ability and could save us money if we have a use for bulk mailing.

Public Comment: Ken McPherson said we still need to think about the possibility of solar power energy.

Building Report: Township meeting tonight. Tax collection on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 1:00-5:00. Quilters met this afternoon and will meet again on the 16th at 1:00. ACD landowners workshop Wednesday the 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Census training on Fridays the 6th, 12th and 19th at 6:00. Planning Commission at 6:30 on the 10th. Wetmore Club at 7:00 on Monday the 15th. Parks and Rec at noon on the 18th. Church group on the afternoon of Sunday the 28th. Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$102,025.00. Disbursements: \$24,232.75. Balance savings account: \$156,363.68. Balance general fund: \$118.37. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that bills numbered 8935 through 8994 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion Howard/Second Ahlborn that we adjourn. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Selina Balko, Clerk

Dan Wilson, Supervisor