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**Roll Call: Board** Members Present: Supervisor- Dan Wilson, Deputy Clerk -Terri Leveque, Treasurer- Bonnie Fulcher, Deputy Treasurer- Janet Miron, Trustee- Wally Ahlborn, Trustee- Lisa Howard. Absent- Clerk - Salina Balko. Visitors: Charlie Starzyk, Ron Bell, Ken Mcpherson, Fred Burley, Armin Gollannek, Becky Gollannek, Supervisor Wilson opened our August meeting leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:** Charlie Starzyk was wondering as to why Munising Township is so against putting lights up on Gates Road. Dan stated we are not against it, but we have a policy . Dan stated we are not putting up any more lights. Dan told Charlie you get 5 school kids to stand in 1 spot waiting for the bus not all from the same family and we will get you a light. Dan stated Charlie could get a light at the end of his driveway. Charlie then stated he did not need his that bad. Fred Burley was there and wanted us to go look at a residents property . Dan stated every spring we go look at the property, Blight them, call the Health Department, call Social Services on them just like we did this spring. They go out there talk to them , threaten them with the children, Cleaned it up a little bit and even mowed the grass this spring. They did take out half the trash of the back of the truck. They are showing progress. We can threaten them with things, and we do every spring, and every spring they clean it up a little bit. Dan stated he will go look again. Lisa wondered if we were taking pictures. Dan stated we have to follow the law on this. Charlie stated on gates road they did a great job paving.

Then there was some talk on what roads would be paved next. Dan stated probably no roads will be paved next year because we borrowed 500,000.00 and spent 600,000.00

Lisa stated we should be able to bring that much in the mileage in 5 years Dan said we will. He said we have the mileage and bonding we will be able to pay for this year. We also have bonding for are mileage rate for in December , we should collect 130,000.00 and 122,000.00 we have to pay PSB for our Bond Payment. And we have 2 more Bond payments after that, but we should be able to save some in the middle. The next big job will depend on whether we get mileage again or not. We have the end of Miller rd, Bond St. , part of Knox St. Old Indiantown that we chewed up. The first half of that we chewed up, Olson rd, Carmody Rd. is all tore up and needs to be fixed, Hilltop Rd. needs to be fixed. Dan stated we are not responsible for the roads , the Road commission is. We just add money to them. Armin Gollannek stated he was under the impression that when somebody got up before the board and read a letter and turned that letter in it should be in the minutes. Dan stated yes it should be or attached to them. What Armin said he was referring to was a letter on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> . He came here and read a letter and turned it in on the court case. He just got around about a month ago to do some reading and went through the minutes and did not see it in there. The reason why I want it in there is 35 years from now when you and I are battling out zoning , somebody is going to go back in time and read that stuff . I want to have a continuation and an ending from my point of view in there that is why I got up and read that letter . I do not want you to think that I am beating a dead horse or being difficult but the purpose of writing the letter and getting up and reading it was so it would be recorded. Dan stated we have the letter here somewhere, and the court case. He also stated we keep a hard copy of the minutes, and there should be a

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copy attached to the minutes. What goes on the computer is the minutes. It is not always all the attachments. Armin said he now understands that . If we do not have a copy we will get a copy from Armin. You can even put the letter in this meeting he stated. We will make sure it is recorded .

**Approval of Minutes :** **Motion Fulcher/Second Howard** to approve the minutes of the July 5<sup>th</sup> ,2011 meeting . **Motion carried**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Clerk's Correspondence:** From State of Michigan , Notice of an opportunity to comment on the "Clean, Renewable and efficient Energy Act".

**Supervisor's Correspondence:** \_\_\_more stuff from the census bureau. We are still down 42 from the last census . An Uppco energy plan..

### **REQUESTED ITEMS:**

**Fire Department:** Chief is still in his meeting.

**Clerk's Report:** - Our Audit is scheduled for the week of August 22-26. Mike from Anderson and Tackman is coming and he stated it should be about 3 days 4 at the most. We are now paying all of our bills and paying employees out of our quick books program which is saving a lot of time. We can now run reports back from April on.

**Supervisor's Report:** \_\_\_Liquor control- we had to redo the liquor control thing for Woodlands because PSB did not take ownership the first time . We had approved Woodlands but we had to go back and approve PSB then reapprove Woodlands . A paper work nightmare with Lansing again. Fill out a fire protection report for monitoring the big prison . Board of review went well . The state approved the opening of 2 more cells of the landfill , and the closing of the cells. Dan talked to AT&T we got their contracts all done and signed, he talked to there main person and he said probably in the spring. They chased us all down all spring to get the paperwork done . Now that it is done they say it may be spring. Even though everything is signed. Once the tower is up Verizon can hook up to it. We had some vandalism at the buildings in the park. Ron took care of that already. Dan talked to Mike Summers today and was not sure whether Autrain had signed the agreement or not. He was going to talk to there lawyer then call Robb Ferguson. Dan Stated he thought we were the last to sign, but we already signed it. And went on to say that whatever you have to do, please do . Get Robb Fergusson to send this shipped off to the state so that Alger Park and Rec. will be stand alone as soon as possible . There is a couple things park and rec. have to do in the interim. Lisa stated that there

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was no meeting this month and last month was well soon as it comes back from the state we will organize stuff. Dan said we cannot dictate stuff to them but they have to have an audit , they have to have an annual meeting, they have to elect officers, they have to have the checking acct. put in there name , they have to have people that can sign checks . Those are things that are right of the top things that need to be done. Dan said Lisa can mention to them things needed to be done in anticipation of state approval but he cannot just tell them they need to do this, it is not our place. It is going to take about 30 days for approval. Mike Summers is back on this again . Lisa stated the way it is set up now there is only 4 voting members. Those that contribute vote. They have to set up who will be president, vice president , secretary, treasurer . Speaking of the city I had a visit. Here it is . Has anyone from the prison been approached regarding how much water bill this prison pays . If you recall about this same time last year it was brought up that the prison pays about three quarters of a million dollars in a water bill to the city. That is because they would only pay half a million except they are outside the city limits. So anyone outside the city limits pays one and a half times. So what they are losing is about 250,000.00 a year at that prison to water rates. Now there are 2 things that can solve that.

One of them is annexation. The city says they are absolutely against that because they would lose 250,000.00 a year. That is there stance. We are not in favor of annexation. The other thing is they could ask the city to reduce there rates back to a single rate, but the city does not want to do that because they will lose 250,000.00. So I had the visit and we discussed it the other day , and once last year. Although the city is not in favor of the Annexation , but don't be to surprised because the city has been getting a couple of visits from people from inside the prison, of Authority saying that is an awful lot of money and next time they crunch prisons, there going to consider closing this prison because of the utility rates. If that becomes a no shoot deal what are we going to do. Dan Stated I do not know. That is just something to think about .The city is not going to come to us and ask us because they do not want to lose the money. So the empatists here is on the prisons commission for the State of Michigan , will they come to us and ask for an annexation on that prison, or will they go to the city and force them to lower there rate or drill there own wells. There are some options they have, but Lansing is awful slow. But rather than close the prison, and Dan does not know if there going to do that, but they have closed some. But it is something for us to think about for the future, and if you think of anything that will help us ,Please let us know. I do not know what we get for a census . It use to be we got one half body for each prisoner, That is about 400 prisoners over there so we would get a count of 200 citizens for our State Revenue Sharing. That is what we live on, State Revenue Sharing, not your taxes. 200 people on State Revenue Sharing multiply \$150.00 times 200 and that is probably what we would lose in State Revenue Sharing If we lost that. My question was, and I asked Bovin directly I said they are not going to just come and ask for that prison there are going to ask for a straight common sense line that goes right straight across takes Alger County Road Commission, Irish Hills, and the whole south side of the Alger Heights Rd., and straight across to the cemetery. That is the logical line, and then we have a problem because we are going to lose citizens. Bovin said

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we are not going to do it, we do not want it done. We may have to talk to the state about it some time in the future. So Dan said very well , fine thanks for the heads up. So Dan is just passing on the heads up. No action needed at this time Dan said.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business :**

**1.** Consider Resolution for Charter General Township. After the census, townships in the State of Michigan are asked to either make a resolution to remain a General Township which we are, or become a Chartered Township which we are not. A Chartered Townships are now at 2,000 or more people instead of 5,000. So we either have to make a resolution to become a chartered Township, or a resolution to remain a General Township. Some of the differences are, we do not have police protection here, Chartered Townships do, We do not have full time employee's Chartered townships do. It is for townships that are a little more advanced than our's and we may become one at some point. But no.1 at this point we do not have the funds to do that, or 2. We are busy here but not that busy. Dan's recommendation unless someone disagrees is that we make a resolution to remain a general township and we will pass that down to the state.

Fulcher stated "I Resolve that we stay as a General Township" Ahlborn seconded that . Roll Call- Wilson-yes; Ahlborn-yes; Howard -yes; Fulcher-yes; 4 -Ya's; 0 - Nays; 1- Absent . Resolution passed.

**2-** Our Notary is up for renewal that is through Hannula . It is like \$65.00 we have only needed that twice in the last year. What Dan would recommend is that we renew the Notary as Salina Balko, and if she does not run for the next term we will change it to whom ever the new clerk is. It should be at the Clerk's position. Even though she is absent due to illness we are hoping to get her back in the near future. So Dan asked that we have a motion to reassign the Notary and have it remain in Salina Balko the Clerk's name.

**Ahlborn made a motion to reassign the Notary in the Salin Balko the Clerks name.**

**Howard second./ Motion Passed**

**Committee/ Policy Reports---**

**Recreation Plan :** Lisa stated the whole beginning of it is all about the Recreation Department .

So until it kind of gets settled as to what it is and what it looks like. There is no need to do a whole new one. Dan stated he was not worried about it at this point. Lisa stated I would think by the end of the year we would have one, Dan said the first one was written

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by them and Lisa stated that is why there pretty much in the first half of it.

**Public Comment--** None

**Building Report -**

Monday - August 1<sup>st</sup> ,8<sup>th</sup> ,15<sup>th</sup> ,22<sup>nd</sup> ,29<sup>th</sup> - Taxes -1:pm-5:00pm

Monday - August 1<sup>st</sup>. Township Board Meeting -7:00pm

Tuesday - August 2<sup>nd</sup> , 16<sup>th</sup> , 30<sup>th</sup> - WequiltMore 1:00pm

Wednesday - August - 3<sup>rd</sup> , 10<sup>th</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup> , 24<sup>th</sup> , 31<sup>st</sup> , - Taxes 1:00pm-5:00pm

Friday - August - 5<sup>th</sup> , 12<sup>th</sup> , 19<sup>th</sup> , 26<sup>th</sup> , - Taxes - 1:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday -August - 6<sup>th</sup> -private rental, 10:00am - 1:00pm ; also Pavilion Rental

Thursday - August - 11<sup>th</sup> , Quilt Guild - 6:00pm

Tuesday - August -16<sup>th</sup> , -Animal Shelter -6:00pm

Sunday - August 21<sup>st</sup> - Pavilion - 12:00pm

**Treasure's Report:** Savings, -as of 6/30/2011 -\$149,145.37 Receipts- \$50,285.43 (8812-8849) Disbursements - 7/5/2011 - \$48,608.42, balance savings account as of 8/01/2011-\$139,229,41, Balance Fire Truck Mileage Acct. -\$185,598.78,- Balance Recreation Fund - \$12,496.74 , Balance Road Improve. Fund -\$ 5,885.57, Balance road mileage Acct.- \$147,738.31, Balance Road Bond fund - \$281,983.19 , Balance General Fund \$137.55 plus we Disbursements for APR payroll , state of Michigan, US Treasury, and to pay taxes online. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

**Motion Howard / Second Ahlborn to pay bills 194-253, and Alger Parks and Rec . Bills 676- 694 motion passed.**

**Next meeting Date - Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> ,2011 - at 7:00 pm**

**Motion to adjourn- Motion Fulcher /Second Howard , Motion passed .**

**Proposed and Approved by Supervisor**

Respectfully Submitted -- Terri LeVeque