

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
March 7, 2011, 7:00-7:51 pm

Members Present: Supervisor Dan Wilson, Treasurer Bonnie Fulcher, Trustee Lisa Howard

Members Absent: Clerk Selina Balko, Trustee Wally Ahlborn,

Others Present: Donna Gennick, Armin Gollanek, Becky Gollanek, Charles Starzyk, Harold, Ron Bell, Ken McPherson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Dan Wilson at 7 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dan Wilson.

Public Comment: Armin Gollanek, of Miners Castle Road, asked if the change will be put in the paper. Dan said he would do it. Armin also asked whether the agenda section titled "Discuss/approve Ordinance has anything to do with us. Dan said no, it is about township policy, such as duties of officers, annual meetings, fiduciary funds, etc. Armin said he would be willing to serve on the Planning Commission if we need another member. The Gollaneks left at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes for February 7, 2011: Bonnie Fulcher moved and Lisa Howard seconded to approve the minutes of the February 7 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

Clerk Correspondence: There was no Clerk correspondence.

Supervisor Correspondence: Dan Wilson said there were two items from Charter Communication, one is a list of current prices, and the other is a notification that they will be adding five new channels at no additional cost. Also, there is a communication regarding Sunday liquor laws, one group has filed for approval for Sunday morning sales. We didn't disagree, so it passed. The DNRE informed us that the recreation plan expiration is coming. We are working on it. Receipt from Charter for \$4,300, receipt from Cable America, \$589, and a bid for dust control. John Hancock Insurance has a new system in which if you change jobs you can roll over the insurance.

Fire Department Requested Items: Has put a couple of the pagers in service, so there will be a small change in billing. He has also made a small order for foam and equipment. Will be purchasing radios with ear jacks. Dan Wilson said that during a recent house fire, the Fire Department filled a truck with water from the Alger County Road Commission, which took about 6,000 gallons. The City of Munising billed us \$134 for the water. The majority of the bill (\$103) was for sewer costs, but because the water was used to put out a fire, it did not go through the sewer system. Dan will talk to City Manager Doug Bovin. The City asks that we call them when we do fill up there, and we did. Normally we fill the water truck from a local river, but didn't that time because the weather was exceptionally cold.

Clerk's Report: There was no clerk's report.

Supervisor's Report: Dan Wilson attended the February Planning Commission meeting. Scott Thomasma has resigned from the Planning Commission. We need to consider whether we want to stay

with seven members on the Planning Commission or drop to five members. Dan has worked on the poverty exemption. We have someone who is going to apply. He has talked to Attorney Mike Summers, and Mr. Summers thinks that by the end of the summer we should have Alger Parks and Recreation Department as a stand-alone. Dan Wilson got the contracts to Alger County Road Commission and had a discussion with them. The tower lease agreement is bouncing between lawyers. The issue is either Paragraph 16 or 21, regarding a requirement that if we don't notify them of a tax change, they are not responsible for the tax. It's an AT&T tower. We should soon have a tower in Shingleton. Dan is still working on the agreement with Alger County regarding Federal Tracts for the airport. Our portion for the cemetery is still there. Once this agreement is done, we will have to go to the County and get the 35 acres as a condition in case it is a revert. We are not losing any property, we are just exchanging it.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance Updates: Dan Wilson has again reviewed the Updated Township Policies. **Bonnie Fulcher moved Lisa Howard seconded to approve the updated forms of the Township Policies. The motion passed.**

Septic Line Repair: We had a drop at 42' in the sewer line at the Munising Township Hall. The pipe had dropped at a joint and caused a backup. Trudell Plumbing was asked to fix it, and Ed Hines cleared away the snow. They hit the main power line when doing the work. Mr. Hines will get the repair bill for the damage to the power line if there is one, but Dan told Ed he would pay the bill if need be. **Lisa Howard moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to approve repairs to the septic line. The motion passed. It is fixed now.**

Resolution to Change the Name of H-58. The Alger County Road Commission has no plan to rename the road. It will remain H-58. They would accept the resolution from us, but they are not going to change it. The Township Board does not want to pursue the change.

Budget Amendments: Dan Wilson suggested a few changes to the 2011-2012 budget as follows:

Township Boards	From Educ & Training	To Supplies	\$3,000
Township Boards	From Mileage	To Equip Maint	200
Buildings & Grnds	From Gas	To Mileage	500
Buildings & Grnds	From Gas	To Electrical	800
Cemetery	From Salaries	To Supplies	500
Planning Comm.	From Misc	To Salaries	2,000

Lisa Howard moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to make the budget amendments as listed. The motion passed.

Discuss Cost Recovery Ordinance: The Ordinance to provide for hazardous materials spill cost recovery will be on next month's agenda.

Discuss Alger Parks and Recreation Issues: Dan said that the first issue is that the Alger Parks and Recreation Department is coming up to stand-alone. The City is not going to increase the amount that they are giving to APRD. They are supposed to be contributing \$27,929. About three years ago, they decided they are not going to pay \$10,000 of it. Administration was another \$8,500 expense. City Commissioner Wes Daniels, Jeff Cromell, and Dan Wilson met with City Manager Doug Bovin. At that meeting, Mr. Bovin was asked by Supervisor Cromell if the City was going to participate at the full extent if we got APRD to stand-alone. The City Manager at that time said yes. Lisa Howard's concern

is that we are carrying the City to a certain extent. Lisa suggested that we ask APRD Board to have the City residents pay more than the Township residents for APRD services to make up for the \$10,000 difference, or reduce our contributed amount the same 35.8% as the City. Lisa has asked Wes Daniels to take it to their board. Wes said he would try, but it is an uphill battle. We could pay them half of our share in April and half in October. Dan Wilson will draft a letter and bring it to the board for approval at the next meeting.

Committee/Policy Reports: Already taken care of.

Public Comment: Charlie asked what we found out about lights at the ball field. The cost is about \$14.45 a month. It's worth it to keep the lights on at the ball field because it keeps mischief-makers away from the area.

Building Report: Bonnie Fulcher presented the building report.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Fulcher presented the Treasurer's report.

Pay Bills: Lisa Howard moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to pay Bills #9768-9828, plus one electronic bill, and Alger Parks and Recreation Bills 579-592. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the annual meeting on March 28. The next regular meeting will be April 4.

Adjournment: Lisa Howard moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.