

Munising Township Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
April 4, 2011

Members Present: Township Supervisor Dan Wilson, Treasurer Bonnie Fulcher, Wally Ahlborn,

Members Absent: Lisa Howard,

Others Present: Charles Strzyk, Ken McPherson, Rachelle Hannah, Ron Bell, Liana Graves, Janet Miron, Donna Gennick

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Dan Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Amendment to Agenda: Wally Ahlborn moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to add MSU Extension presentation to the agenda following the Fire Department request section.

Approval of Minutes: Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011, meeting as presented.

Correspondence, Clerk: There was no Clerk correspondence.

Correspondence, Supervisor: Notice from UPPCO on hearing to convene regarding whether can raise their rates. That will be in Lansing on April 14. There was correspondence on funding from the National Forest Reserve. There will be a Supervisor's class on policies and procedures in Detroit. Dan Wilson said that he has received a note from our attorney regarding Alger Parks and Recreation Department. The attorney is out of state, so it will be at least two weeks to get back. The Alger County Chamber of Commerce annual membership dinner meeting will be April 13. Dinner tickets are \$15. The Township will pay for board members to go. Also, the Discovery Lakeshore program will be held again this summer.

Requested Items, Fire Department: There was no report.

Requested Items, MSU Extension: Liana Graves is the Michigan State University Extension representative and 4-H Coordinator. She and Rachelle Hannah discussed the value of the 4-H program in our community. Please support the millage renewal on May 3. Dan asked if a quarter mil will save the program in our county if MSUE is discontinued. Liana said she does not have a firm answer at this time. The election will also include the Commission on Aging and the Munising Township Fire Department.

Clerk's Report: Dan Wilson said that the Clerk's computer needs to be replaced right away.

Supervisor's Report: Dan Wilson said he has sent a letter of support to the Munising Township Tennis Association for a grant request from the Sault Ste Marie tribe. Value of land donated for the matching grant is \$10,000. The tower lease contract is back, and the wording is good. Dan Wilson is waiting to sign it until we get the conditional use permit. Dan has talked to Verizon, and they want to

put a tower across from the cemetery. Dan sent letter to Alger Parks and Recreation Department stating that not all communities are contributing fairly. He is asking for answer by July. Dan has also published meeting dates and times for 2011-2012.

Discuss/Approve Budget Amendments: Dan Wilson said that he has added \$7,774 to revenue side; \$5,000 of that went into the Clerks fund, and the rest in roads. Dan said we should not have to make many changes to the budget.

Discuss/Approve Request from Senior All-Nighter: Last year we gave them \$300. **Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to contribute \$300 to the Senior All-Nighter party. The motion passed.**

Discuss/Approve Request from Tri-County Fire Department: We've given them \$1,500 last year. **Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to contribute \$1,500. The motion passed.**

Discuss/Approve Girl Scout Request to Adopt a Park: Dan had a call from the Girl Scouts indicating that they are interested in adopting McQuisten Park, to keep it clean and beautify it. Wally Ahlborn moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to allow the Girl Scouts to accept the offer to adopt McQuisten Park. The motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Hours for Receptionist: Janet Miron will do the absentee ballots for the election. The head clerk has asked Janet to cover the office for three days a week, from 1-4 pm. That will come out of Receptionist fund. Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to approve Janet Miron for receptionist from 1-4 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, for April, May, and June, and additional hours as needed. The motion passed.

Discuss/Approve Dust Control: We have a quote for the same as last year for dust control. Ron is working on the number of miles we will do. Some of the roads we usually dust control are being paved. Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to approved dust control for the summer of 2011. The motion passed.

Committee/Policy Reports: Janet Miro is working on a policy. Dan Wilson wants to have a lawyer look over the hazardous materials policy first, then he will give it to Janet.

Public Comment: Ron Bell said that there will be a benefit dinner for Jim Schubert on April 7 at Shingleton Hall, and benefit for Selina Balko on May 3 at the Moose Lodge.

Building Report: Bonnie Fulcher presented the building report.

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

Pay Bills: Wally Ahlborn moved and Janet Miron seconded to pay Township Bills #9876-9928. and one online IRS payment of \$1. The motion passed. Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to pay Alger Parks and Recreation Department Bills #598-607. The motion passed.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2011, at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.