

**Munising Township Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting
June 6, 2011**

Members Present: Dan Wilson, Bonnie Fulcher, Lisa Howard, Wally Ahlborn

Members Absent: Selina Balko

Others Present: Janet Miron, Donna Gennick, Ken McPherson, Charlie Starzyk, Ron Bell, Barry Hoover, Terry Grout from Alger Conservation District

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: Charlie Starzyk said that Gates Road is very dusty. He wanted to know if the board will ask the Road Commission to water the road tomorrow.

Approval of Minutes May 2, 2011: Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to approve the May 2, 2011, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Clerk Correspondence: There was no clerk correspondence.

Supervisor Correspondence: Michigan Municipal League offers good classes, but we are not a member. Might think about joining. We received a brochure from Miss Dig. If we disagree with the US Census, we can dispute the count. More jack pine is to be cut by mirror lake. The Department of Environmental Quality has approved the permit for Pete Lindquist to add to his dock downtown. Peoples State Bank transferred all rights to the liquor license from Woodlands to Streeters. We received a Resolution for Liquor Control at the Holiday Station.

Requested Items, Alger Conservation District: Terry Grout, of the The Alger Conservation District, said that the Conservation District wants to extend the \$7,000 loan for another year. They get no funding from the State, and they are applying for grants. They would also like to renew the contract for services that the District performs, such as wheat surveys, groundwater protection, monitoring for emerald ash borer, etc. They will again be putting up the purple insect traps around the county. They are working on eliminating invasive species in the area, targeting and removing certain weeds. When they find the emerald ash borer, the trees in the immediate vicinity are removed, and a wasp that feeds on the larva of the emerald ash borer can be released. Not much has been found in Munising Township. Everyone was cautioned not to pull up wild parsnip without wearing gloves, because its sap is very irritating. The \$7,000 is in the budget. **Lisa Howard moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to extend the \$7,000 loan for three years. The motion passed.**

Lisa Howard moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to give Alger Conservation District \$2,000 this year. The motion passed.

Requested Items, Fire Department: Chief Harold Anderson is not here.

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

Supervisor's Report: Dan Wilson said that the election went well, and we are working to get all our checks onto the computer. Tennis Facility Request for funds was denied by the Sault Tribe. They said to re-apply in the fall. The Tennis Facility is asking for \$40,000 or \$50,000 from the Tribe. Dan talked to someone from Verizon and sent zoning data. We had a proposal from Alger County Road Commission for bids on Bond Road and extension of Miller Road. They came back and said we should also include Cedar. We have a cash flow problem for doing it this year, and will just do what we have for now. We are around \$600,000, and we budgeted for \$500,000. We have a second porta-john in the park because Little League was creating more use. We now have two new American flags. One can be on display and the other in storage until the one on the pole wears out, then we will order a new one. Dan has talked to Attorney Summers several times about Alger Parks and Recreation Department. Dan asked if Attorney Robb Ferguson was going to send the proposal to us, but he will send it to Mr. Summers and Mr. Summers will send it to us. We can't make a decision until we have a copy of the proposal. Dan will get back with our attorney about it. Alger Parks and Recreation is to be made a stand-alone agency. They need bylaws approved by the four agencies that contribute money to them, and it has to be worded so the agencies can still contribute. Cities and Townships don't have the same rules, so the lawyers are working it out.

Consider Munising Bay Partnership Request: Greater Munising Bay Partnership for Commerce Development is requesting a \$5,000 contribution. Lisa Howard said that she doesn't think they worked with all of the organizations when they did the map. **Lisa Howard moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to give Greater Munising Bay Partnership \$2,000. The motion passed. Dan will call the Partnership tomorrow.**

Consider MTA Dues: Dan says he uses MTA a lot. Wally Ahlborn moved and Lisa Howard seconded to pay \$1,406.95 dues for the MTA. The motion passed.

Consider Credit Card/s Application for Holiday Station: Holiday Station works only from a card. There is no charge for the card, but it is an in-store card. We will get them a list of approved fire fighters who can charge gas for the fire vehicles. One card stays at the office, and one stays at the gas station. Ron could be added to the firefighters names. **Bonnie Fulcher moved and Lisa Howard seconded to have a credit card at the Holiday store and one kept at the office, with all the firefighters to use the card. The motion passed. Dan will do it tomorrow.**

Consider Planning Commission Ordinance: We have to have an ordinance to create a Planning Commission, even if we already have a Planning Commission. The law says we have to have an ordinance.

Consider Fourth of July Committee Request: We gave the Fourth of July Committee \$250 for each of the last two years. **Lisa Howard moved and Bonnie Fulcher seconded to donate \$300 to the Fourth of July Committee. The motion passed.**

Consider Amending Budget (\$3,000 to Township Boards-Education. . .from Parks and Recreation-Improvement: We had Anderson-Tackman come teach two of our clerks how to use Quick Books, so we are over budget there. We could put \$3,000 into Township Boards-Education from Parks and Recreation, which will reduce Parks and Recreation from \$46,500 to \$43,500. **Bonnie Fulcher moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to move \$3,000 from Parks and Recreation to Township Boards-Education. The motion passed.**

Committee/Policy Reports: Lisa Howard said that the preliminary proposal was that City residents would be pat 25% more, and anyone not in a municipality would be 50% more than Township residents. Janet Miron has the policy report. Janet and Lisa worked on the Committee/Policy reports. Everyone please read through it and bring them back next month for signatures.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Building Report: Janet gave the building report. The building is very busy this month. Charlie asked who pays for use of the building. Dan said that anyone who charges for the event, they pay us. Township residents do not pay. We charge for baby showers and parties. Ron Bell usually signs for the pavilion use.

NIMS Certification: The Fire Chief is certified for NIMS to the 400 level, and the Supervisor is certified to the 200 level.

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Fulcher presented the Treasurer's report. Harold asked if everything the Township owns (building, fire trucks, etc.) is paid for. Dan said yes, it is.

Pay Bills: Lisa Howard moved and Wally Ahlborn seconded to pay Alger Parks and Recreation Department checks #630-647, and computer checks #4-101, and hand-written checks #9963-9980. The motion passed.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday, July 5, at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Bonnie Fulcher moved and Lisa Howard seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.