

Munising Township Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2015 – 7:00 – 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Supervisor-Dan Wilson, Clerk–Selina Balko, Treasurer-Bonnie Fulcher, Trustee-Lisa Howard, Trustee–Patty Willson, Visitors: Assistant Fire Chief-Bob Balko, Roger Carlson, Ron Bell, Janet Miron, Terry Bower, Russ Carlson, Deb Carlson, Mary Jo Gurski, Donald Gurski, Robert Hughes, Joanna Segerstrom, Cindy Tonak, Patti Elvetici, Donnie Willson, Mark Wilson, Charles Starzyk, Terri Grout from Alger Soil District and Kathy Reynolds from Alger Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Wilson opened the October 5th, 2015 regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: Kathy Reynolds from Alger Chamber of Commerce gave an update on what has been going on in the last year. Two big annual projects are Rekindle the Spirit and Pictured Rocks Days. There is allot going on in the area including expansion of the city dock. There will be a meeting on Wednesday with many area people to review the busy summer that Munising had and how to prepare for an even busier tourist season next year in the area. Kathy will send an agenda with information on the meeting. Joanna Segerstrom: does not see anything happening regarding blight in Shingleton area and the red light on the cell tower is out. Wilson stated that he thought Shingleton was starting to look good and that there has in fact been improvement seen in the area.

Approval of Minutes : Motion Trustee Howard/Second Trustee Willson to approve the September 1st, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Correspondence: Ted Hartleb Insurance wanting to be included in our future insurance needs, Limestone Township-reimbursement of Alger Township Association funds, newsletter from Anderson Tackman.

Supervisor’s Correspondence: UPPCO, Charter and Alger Delta all with rate increase hearing notices. DEQ-report on violation of wetlands on Buckhorn road. CUPPAD-thank you for paying annual dues.

Requested Items: A: Alger Conservation District-Terri Grout: Looking for financial support for another year. We are invited to the 56th annual soil district dinner meeting to be held at Sydney’s on Friday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m. **A resolution was offered by Trustee Lisa Howard and supported by Trustee Patty Willson to approve a contract for services along with a \$2,000.00 contribution with Alger Conservation District. Roll call vote: Trustee Willson-yes, Supervisor Wilson-yes, Treasurer Fulcher-yes, Trustee Howard-yes and Clerk Balko-yes. All yes, no nay, Supervisor Wilson declared the resolution passed.** B: Fire Department: Nothing to report other than this week is fire safety week and there are programs going on at local schools.

Clerk’s Report New tables and chairs arrived. Roger did a count of how many of each we now have. Since some chairs still need to be disposed of we will only have 100 chairs. Clerk Balko stated that she will be asking for permission to order more chairs at some point. A check for \$570.77 came for our portion from dissolving funds from Alger Township Association.

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Working on an extensive FOIA request from American Transparency-is on the agenda. Received one bid for painting of hall-is on agenda. Bonnie, Lisa and Patty will take care of choosing wall and carpeting colors. There will be three and possibly four elections next year. Elections requirements are becoming more and more time consuming for clerks. Some townships pay their clerks extra for elections. I would like permission to poll other townships/MTA on how they handle this. Consensus to go ahead with exploring options.

Supervisor's Report: Completed State fire protection report. ACRC road contract came in under cost. Townline Lake looking for help adopting a no wake rule on the lake. Township lawyer checking into this but since there is no public access to the lake there is probably nothing we can do to help. Completed a survey on natural gas for the state. Dugouts in Shingleton look good. Blight issues are ongoing. Board members feel things are looking better. Resident Patti Elvetici does not feel the same way and intends to take pictures tomorrow. Donnie Willson is onboard with assessing duties.

Unfinished Business: **A:** Consider offer from American Towers: Gave and offer of a lump sum payment for franchise fees on the cell phone tower. The offer was for \$119,000.00. Township lawyer reviewed the offer and recommended not to accept this proposal. **Motion Treasurer Fulcher/Second Trustee Howard that we do not accept the buyout offer from American Towers. Motion carried B:** Cindy Tonak: Report on Munising Township Summer Fest-August 13th, 2016. Ideas for this event are: vendor/craft area, food vendors, children's games/face painting, poker run community garage sales, softball. Monies earned to be donated back into the Township. **Motion Trustee Howard/Second Treasurer Fulcher to approve group to proceed with Munising Township Summer Fest. Motion carried.**

New Business: **A:** Tennis court nets: Should we replace nets, turn area into more parking lot area? After discussion it was decided to explore options and talk about it again in the spring. **B:** Painting bids: **Motion Trustee Howard/Second Treasurer Fulcher to accept one bid for painting. Motion carried.** One bid from B & T Painting: \$2,400.00 to paint three rooms. Painting of foyer was not included in the bid. **Motion Trustee Willson/Second Trustee Howard to let bid as described and option to include painting of foyer to D & T Painting. Motion carried. Clerk to notify. C:** Carpeting: Lisa, Bonnie and Patty to take care of painting and carpet colors. Purchase of carpeting was approved in September. **D:** Consider waiver request of FOIA fees from American Transparency: They requested waiving fees for FOIA information on employees for the years 2013-2014. We do not have this information in a quick and easy format and would take quite some time to compile. **Motion Trustee Howard/Second Trustee Willson that we do not waive the fees for their FOIA request. Motion carried. E:** Visa bill due date: We sometime end up with late fees from the visa payment arriving on time to them. **Motion Treasurer Fulcher/Second Trustee Willson that we send payment for VISA bill as soon as we receive them and not wait until next township meeting. Motion carried. F:** Resolution for mitigation plan: **A resolution was offered by Treasurer Fulcher and supported by Trustee Willson to adopt the Alger County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Clerk Balko-yes, Trustee Willson-yes, Trustee Howard-yes, Treasurer Fulcher-yes, Supervisor Wilson yes. All yes, no nay, Supervisor Wilson declared the resolution passed.**

Committee/Policy Reports: Trustee Howard is busy changing allot of the lights at Central

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Community Center to more efficient bulbs. They received an energy united incentive grant that will cover 75% of these costs and the new lighting will save energy costs in the long run.

Public Comment: Patti Elveciti questioning status of cell phone tower. Supervisor Wilson stated that we hope there will be COM on the tower in 2016

Building Report :

Twp. Meeting on Monday the 5th, at 7:00 p.m.
WEQUILTMORE on Tuesdays the 6th and 20th, at 1:00 p.m.
Quilt Guild on Thursday the 8th at 6:00 p.m.
Animal shelter on Tuesday the 20th at 6:00
Private rentals on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 25th
WCC vendor show on Saturday the 24th all day
Wilson thanked Balko for her report.

Treasurer's Report: Balance Savings: \$287,036.18. Receipts: \$46,566.80. Disbursements: \$34,094.26, \$1,170.00 and \$295.81. Balance Fire truck millage fund: \$229,891.55. Balance Recreation fund: \$14,939.56. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$104,800.98. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$23,971.71. Balance Road Bond Fund: \$26,004.28. Balance General Fund: \$868.16. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

Pay Bills: Motion Trustee Willson/Second Trustee Howard to pay bills numbered 3716 through 3776. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: November 2nd, 2015 at Munising Township office complex.

Adjournment: Motion Trustee Howard/Second Treasurer Fulcher that we be adjourned. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Selina Balko, Clerk

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Dan Wilson, Supervisor