

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 5th, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Treasurer—Nicole Graves, Trustees—Selina Balko and Carmon Decet. Also present: Assistant Fire Chief—Bob Balko, Janet Miron, Deb Carlson, Dave Nelson, Patty Elvetici, Joanna Segerstrom, Kevin Pine, Roger Carlson, and Fire Chief—Harold Anderson.

Supervisor Howard opened our December 5th, 2016 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Supervisor Howard welcomed out two new board members, Trustee Decet and Treasurer Graves. Kevin Pine—would like the remainder of Powell Lake Road paved. Supervisor Howard will see about adding it to the list of priority roads. Patty Elvetici—Blight property on H15 in Shingleton has goats, junk, no electricity/water, motorhome with people living in it, and a generator running. Deb Carlson requested a streetlight on Olson Road - children are picked up by the school bus in the dark. Supervisor Howard will contact UPPCO.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion Trustee Balko/Second by Clerk Willson that we **approve the November 7th, 2016 minutes.**
Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

MTA is offering their "New Officials Training" on January 12th in Harris and all five board members plan to attend. A. Rifkin Co. sent us a Thanksgiving card. We received two bids for snow plowing.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

MTA information. We keep getting a bill from the Center of Education and Employment Law; Dan Wilson said that we never authorized such a thing and we shouldn't pay it. Michigan and Federal Labor Law say we need to post labor law information. There will be a meeting on December 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Alger County Road Commission for Alger Marquette Schoolcraft Counties Rural Task Force to look at federal transportation dollars spending and State Economic and Development funds spending. Notice from DEQ—culverts being installed on "Frog-Hollow" Trail 419W. Grant for tire cleanup (12/9/16 deadline).

Requested Items:

A: Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Balko mentioned Chief Anderson applied for another grant (95/5) for air packs. Trustee Balko mentioned that Chief Anderson should start shopping around for a new fire truck.

Clerk's Report:

We had a 66% voter turnout on Election Day (11/8-General). The Fire Departments proposal renewal passed (665-yes/387-no). Precinct 2 has been randomly chosen for an audit, which won't happen until late December or early January. The State of MI along with some other states is in the midst of a recount. As of today, the recount for Alger County is set to happen Sunday, December 11th, in Escanaba. I need to get our sealed ballot containers to Mary Ann, Alger County Clerk, by Thursday. Lynn Bright, from Burnham & Flower Insurance met with us on November 30th to address changes taking place with retired, new, and existing board member's pensions. W-2's/1099's ordered and arrived. I will be working to update our employee/subcontractor records (W-4, W-9, etc.) this month.

Supervisor's Report:

We have been receiving complaints regarding the smell coming from Wood Island Landfill. Spoke with Carolyn St. Cyr beginning of last week and she said that the landfill is regrading (uncovering nasty smell) due to a push from the state. Ms. St. Cyr said the smell should be gone later in the week and that it wasn't a hazard and going forward they would ask them to open up smaller portions. She said she's personally visited the site 5 times in the last 2 weeks. She said that there was a few other concerns out there but didn't go into detail. Also, Spoke with John Ozoga, supervisor at DEQ, the end of last week and he said he was going to take a trip up. Mr. Ozoga mentioned that a gas system might need to be installed to rid the smell. Spoke with Ms. St. Cyr again today and she said that the landfill is being fined for a violation and are not adequately covering the pile with sand hence the smell. She also mentioned that a gas collection system might need to be implemented. Both Mr. Ozoga and Ms. St. Cyr said that landfills in Michigan

should be well-kept and not an eyesore. Attended the Alger County Regional Government meeting last week; it was very informative and many were present.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Trustee Balko/Second Trustee Decet to **amend the agenda to include “H”, Budget Amendment and “I”, Blight Issue.** Motion carried.

A: Consider increasing Clerk bond limit—Mark, at Hannula Agency, recommended increasing clerks bonding, which would protect the township from a portion of taxes/penalties incurred if the clerk fails to perform the duties of clerk. Trustee Balko/Second Treasurer Graves to **increase the clerks bond amount from \$10,000 to \$25,000.** Motion carried.

B: Consider purchase of Treasurer computer/software—Trustee Balko/Second Trustee Decet to allow Treasurer to spend up to \$1,400 for the purchase of computer and software. Motion carried.

C: Consider snow removal bids--C&B Services proposes snowplowing of all parking areas and driveways, shoveling of all walkways and doorways at the Munising Township Office Complex and Fire Department at the rate of \$40 per hour. Gerou Excavating proposes snow removal at the rate of \$53 per hour, or \$50 per occurrence, with and an additional \$25 per occurrence for sanding and salting. Optional seasonal rate of \$2,700 per season would include snow removal as well as sanding and salting. All options would be contracted for 3 years. Supervisor Howard/Second Trustee Balko to **accept the two bids.** Following discussion, Trustee Balko/Second Trustee Decet to **accept Gerou Excavating’s bid of \$53 per hour or \$50 per occurrence depending on whether it is broken down into the fractional hour.** Motion carried.

D. Consider Township credit card authorized users—Supervisor Howard/Second Trustee Balko to **update credit card users (remove Selina, add Patty, remove Dan, add Lisa).** Motion carried.

E. Consider change to contribution payments for Pension—Lynn Bright, at Burnham & Flower, recommended it is more beneficial for the township to pay its contributions monthly rather than annually. Trustee Decet/Second Clerk Willson to **change payment to a monthly contribution.** Motion carried.

F. Consider snow blower tune-up—Supervisor Howard authorized Roger to service the snow blower if needed, up to \$500.

G. Consider MTA officer training—Supervisor Howard/Second Trustee Balko to **send those board members that wish to attend the New Officials Training on January 12th in Harris at the cost of \$149 per person.**

H. Budget Amendment—A motion was made by Trustee Balko and seconded by Treasurer Graves to **amend fire department budget and zoning budget as suggested.** Under Fire Department, “Education & Training”, add \$1,000, and under Fire Department, “Vehicle Maintenance”, subtract \$1,000. Then, under Zoning, “Mileage”, add \$1,000, and under Parks and Recreation, “Recreation Improvements”, subtract \$1,000. Motion carried.

I. Blight Issue—Supervisor Howard/Second Clerk Willson to **send Blight Officer Howard to property on H15 in Shingleton and also check with zoning administrator and health department in regards to goats at the property.** Motion carried.

Committee/Policy Reports: None

Public Comment:

Joanna Segerstrom voiced concern regarding possible landfill leachate and its environmental consequences. Debbie Carlson—concerned about property on Olson Road. There are family, with children, living in several trailers on the property. Joanna Segerstrom would like us to look into purchasing new fire number signs. Trustee Balko suggested adding the cost to next year’s budget. Balko also volunteered to check into the cost of purchasing new signs and posts and possibly street signs. Assistant Fire Chief Balko voiced concern about blocked culvert under ORV trail and FFH-13 causing flooding on East side of FFH-13 over ORV trail.

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Building Report:

Private rental on the 17th.
Township Meeting on Monday the 5th at 7:00 p.m.
Quilters on Tuesday the 6th and 20th at 1:00 p.m.
Quilt Guild (MGQG) on Thursday the 8th at 6:00 p.m.
National Guard on Sunday the 11th at 1:00 p.m.
Board of Review on Tuesday the 13th at 9:00 a.m.
Planning Commission on Wednesday the 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Savings: \$331,343.79. Receipts: \$50,625.95. Disbursements: \$31,722.46. Balance Fire truck millage account: \$309,324.18. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$13,075.15. Balance Recreation fund: \$14,986.48. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$24,642.44. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,089.83. Balance General Fund: \$286.20. Supervisor Howard thanked Treasurer Graves for her report.

Pay Bills:

Motion Supervisor Howard/Second Trustee Balko to **pay bills numbered 4780 through 4853**. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 2nd, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Motion Trustee Decet/Second Treasurer Graves that we be adjourned. Motion carried. **We adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Supervisor