

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 6th, 2016 7:00 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Dan Wilson, Clerk—Patty Willson, Treasurer—Bonnie Fulcher, Trustee—Lisa Howard, Trustee—Selina Balko. Also present: Handyman—Roger Carlson, Assistant Fire Chief—Bob Balko, Janet Miron, Carmen Decet, Cathy Pullen, Deb Carlson, Nicole Graves, and Dave Nelson.

Supervisor Wilson opened our September 6th, 2016, meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Cathy Pullen questioned the Supervisor's Report section from last month's minutes regarding the Land Swap and reverter clause. Dan said he'll explain it under New Business.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion Treasurer Fulcher/Second by Trustee Howard that we **approve the August 1st, 2016, minutes.** Motion carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Letter from FirstMerit Bank stating they joined Huntington and will merge systems in 2017. Request via email from U.S. Vote Foundation and Overseas Vote that we update our Election Official Directory database. – I updated the "clerk" information.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Compartment Review Participant from the Natural Resources - Supervisor Wilson is the contact person. Letter from ACRC regarding the speed study on Miller Road. MSP stated that there is no need for a speed reduction because there are not enough driveway cuts to reduce the speed. Charter changing a channel. DEQ putting a new bridge in near the Sunrise Grade in Melstrand. Received payment from Cable America.

Requested Items:

Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Balko reported that the grant they applied for, for new air packs, was turned down.

Clerk's Report:

We had a 26% turnout on Election Day (8/2-August Primary). The AV ballot applications went out on August 24th to the 81 voters on the Permanent AV list. The actual ballots for the November General Election (held November 8th) will go out this month. An election commission meeting will be held in October for the November election. The MI Treasury's Annual Fiscal Report (F-65) was submitted. Anderson Tackman provided us with the Financial Statements for last fiscal year (ending March 31st, 2016), and those booklets are included in your board packets. F.Y.I. - The Supervisor submitted the proposal language for the fire millage renewal.

Supervisor's Report:

New radio being put on the cell tower. Audit received from Anderson Tackman. Mr. Lamoreaux came in with concerns that nothing has been done to City Limits Road in the 30 years that he's lived there. This road is located in the Township, City and Park Service. Bob Lindbeck gave Supervisor Wilson paperwork stating what it would take to get the road to gravel standards. Wilson said we need to start working on a new road priority list.

Unfinished Business:

A: Consider wage changes – Discussed employee wages and possibility of increasing wages in the future.

New Business:

A: Consider Superiorland Gas Plan for coming season – Trustee Balko/Treasurer Fulcher we go with Program #2 and **pre-purchase propane @ \$1.06 per gallon** (approx. 1000 gallons). Motion carried.
B: Consider Regional Government (Township Association) GIS question – Meeting date locations set for November 30th, 2016 and February 22nd, 2017. The new board will need to decide who will attend/represent our township when Supervisor Wilson retires. Do we want to commit to the GIS mapping program? There are two programs available; Coleman (\$84,600) and CUPPAD (\$95,425). CUPPAD is newer and more

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advance than Coleman. Our portion, to get the program up and running, is approx. \$17,000 (one-time cost); however, Pam at the County Treasurers office stated that funding may be available that could cover 50-60% of that cost. Annual fees will likely be covered by the County. Additional programs (utilities, zoning, etc.) are a township expense. Trustee Howard/Treasurer Fulcher **interested and willing to pay our fair share, and if we have the choice, would choose CUPPAD.** Motion carried.

C: Consider Signs (Slow Children) – Residents on Miller Road not satisfied with the results of the speed study and went to the ACRC. ACRC suggested a “slow children” sign be put up; however, ACRC cannot pay for signs, they can only approve placement of those signs. ACRC said Townships should be responsible for the sign cost/placement and provided their Sign Policy. Trustee Howard/Trustee Balko we **leave sign placement up to the ACRC.** Motion carried.

D: Consider Deed for Land Exchange – Attorney Roger Zappa prepared a Warranty Deed transferring Township property (40 acres near Timber Products) over to Alger County. The County can turn this WD over to the Forest Service, and, in return, obtain the airport and cemetery. Attorney Zappa is looking into the land values and trying to get the numbers balanced. If there is an overlap and we come up short with the value of our 40 acres we will need to go to the County. We would need from the County, after we give them the property, a “clause” for *whatever amount* is of equal value with no restrictions on it. If the property ever stops being an airport that *given amount* would be deeded to the township. According to law, you cannot give away public property at a less than equal value. A resolution was offered by Trustee Balko and supported by Trustee Howard to **permit Clerk Willson and Supervisor Wilson to sign the Warranty Deed transferring the 40 acres of property to the county.** Roll Call Vote: Balko-yes, Willson-yes, Howard-yes, Fulcher-yes, Wilson-yes. All yes, no nay, Supervisor Wilson declared the resolution passed.

E: Consider Professional Services –The board discussed the Assessor position. A motion to **advertise for a new assessor** was made but died due to lack of second.

F: Consider Budget Amendment: Trustee Howard/Trustee Balko we **amend budget as suggested.** Motion carried. Under Elections, “Salaries” and “Office Supplies”, add \$5,000.00 to each, and under Cemetery, “Repairs and Maintenance” subtract \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Committee/Policy Reports:

Alger County Regional Government is a new committee. Cathy Pullen explained that it used to be known as the old Township Association and it’s more of an informational body rather than a decision making body. Dan added that it’s also an important link to CUPPAD and that someone from this committee should be selected to go to CUPPAD.

Public Comment:

Deb Carlson—who will be the blight officer? Supervisor Wilson is handling the situation for the time being. Olson Road property was mentioned.

Building Report:

CLOSED Monday the 5th for Labor Day

Township Meeting on Tuesday the 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Quilters on Tuesdays the 6th and 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Quilt Guild (MGQG) on Thursday the 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Private rentals on the 8th, 11th and 17th

Zoning Board of Appeals AND Planning Commission on Wednesday the 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Wetmore Community Club on Monday the 19th at 6:30 p.m.

SORVA on Tuesday the 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan and I went to court a couple weeks ago regarding delinquent personal property taxes. Judge Luoma ordered that the township be paid \$75.00 per month since that is all the person can afford. We go to Circuit Court on September 19th the get personal property taxes (approx. \$300.00) off the rolls.

Balance Savings: \$305,055.65. Receipts: \$11,321.56. Disbursements: \$26,872.37 and \$2,495.16 on 8/9/16. Balance Fire truck millage account: \$320,375.75. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$132,444.17. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$24,626.92. Balance Recreation fund: \$14,977.04. Balance Road Bond Account: \$26,083.25. Balance General Fund: \$285.79. Wilson thanked Fulcher for her report.

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Pay Bills:

Motion Trustee Howard/Second Trustee Balko to **pay bills numbered 4516 through 4625**. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Willson, Clerk

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Dan Wilson, Supervisor