

Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2021 7:00 p.m. – 8:51 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor Lisa Howard, Clerk Patty Willson, Treasurer Nicole Graves, Trustee Selina Balko, and Trustee Carmon Decet. Board Members Absent: None. Also, present: Assessor Susan Bovan, Fire Chief Harold Anderson, Janet Miron, Bob Balko, Bob Helsel, Ben McInerney, Roger Carlson, Fire Captain John Murk, Teri Grout, Sue Radloff, and Brice Burge of Roam Media.

Supervisor Howard opened our June 7, 2021 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment:

Comment was received by several persons with complaints about a neighbor's vehicles, trailers, piles of wood (photos provided) and the burning of trash. Another comment was received about setback requirements on H58 and whether porta johns and the selling of food is allowed.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved Balko/seconded Willson to **approve minutes of May 18, 2021 Township Board special meeting.** Carried. Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of May 3, 2021 Township Board regular meeting.** Carried.

Clerk's Correspondence:

Received workers compensation (Accident Fund) audit. Received the Certificate of Determination from the Board of Canvassers for the May 4 Election showing that our millage renewal passed. Received an invoice for annual dues from MTA.

Supervisor's Correspondence:

Received a Natural Gas Pipeline Safety brochure from DTE. Received communication from Charter/Spectrum that on or after June 2, they will increase prices for Broadcast TV Surcharge by \$1.54, Receiver/Digital Adapter by \$1.00 each, Charter Digital Home by \$10.00, TV Select by \$3.00, TV Silver & Gold by \$8.00, Latino Tier by \$1.00. Seasonal Broadcast TV Surcharge will reduce by \$6.45. They have also rebranded several channels and will discontinue Newsy channel. Received communication from UPPCO that Asplundh Tree Expert Co will be pruning trees in the City of Munising and Munising Township that pose a risk to the electric system. UPPCO also sent a letter that the meter on H13 and Shingleton Park Street address did not show any usage and do we want the meter removed and sealed. Received request for support from the Fourth of July Committee.

Requested Items:

- A. Alger Conservation District – Teri Grout: Present and provided summarized activities in Munising Township and the vicinity during FY-2020.
- B. Zoning Administrator: None.
- C. Assessor: Present and provided update.

Clerk's Report:

We had a 21% voter turnout for the May Election. Our fire millage renewal passed with 81% yes votes. I completed the Provisional Ballot form for the May Election. Auditors are here this week. The State will be here, June 23rd, performing a random audit of our May 4th election paperwork. Updated my contact information in the Election Official Directory. Webroot renewed on June 5 (Internet security). The minutes from Planning Commission's June 2nd meeting are included in your packets. The office remains closed.

Supervisor's Report:

Township Clean Up Day went well. We collected 178 tires, filled two 40-yard roll offs in Shingleton, had over 140 vehicles at the landfill and filled seven 40-yard roll offs, and had 6 recyclers. Timber Products donated and Wood Island delivered some fresh wood chips for the McQuisten Park Playground. One of our trees by the baseball field didn't survive a windstorm and snapped off. McQuisten Park parking lot got some fresh gravel to fix the ruts and runoff areas. Dust control went down on the gravel roads. Thank you, Roger, for supervising that. Pavilion reservations are picking up. We need to have the septic tank pumped. The Road Commission applied for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant to pave Chapel Road. I wrote a letter of support.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Boardwalk Damage/Grant: DNR Grant Coordinator needs to sign off before work can begin.

- B. Implications of Covid-19 Pandemic: Covid Response Plan needs to be done. Moved Howard/seconded Graves **that the office will open on July 6th and the new office hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and there will be no indoor rentals at this time.** Carried.
- C. Generator: Received two bids. Howard expecting another bid this week so board tabled.
- D. Recycling: Kiwanis offering collection on Mondays, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- E. Office Furnace/AC: Received two bids and expecting another.
- F. Shed for Mower/Maintenance Equipment/Parts: Board discussed the cost of building materials (\$5,000 to \$6,000) and tabled for more information.
- G. American Rescue Plan Funds: Webinar scheduled for July 8th at 3:00 p.m.
- H. Replace Fire Department's 1985 Used DNR Truck: A resolution was offered by Balko and supported by Howard to **order/purchase 2021 Chevy 2500HD 4WD Crew Cab from Fox Marquette for \$39,558. Roll call vote: Willson-yes, Decet-yes, Graves-yes, Howard-yes, and Balko-yes. 5 yes, 0 nay.** Howard declared the resolution passed.
- I. Recreation Committee: Moved Howard/seconded Balko that **Rhonda Lassila, Natalie Kentner, Cindy Tonak, Lisa Howard, and Nicole Graves represent the township as the Recreation Committee.** Carried.

New Business:

- A. Alger Conservation District Loan: Moved Willson/seconded Graves we **continue agreement with Alger Conservation District.** Carried.
- B. Support for Tri County Volunteer Fire Department: Moved Graves/seconded Decet we **appropriate \$1,500 to Tri County Fire Department.** Carried.
- C. Support for UPSET: Moved Howard/seconded Graves we **appropriate \$2,000 to UPSET.** Carried.
- D. Support for Fourth of July Committee: Moved Willson/seconded Balko to **appropriate \$300 to the Fourth of July Committee.** Carried.
- E. Shingleton Mowing: Received three quotes. Moved Decet/seconded Graves to **subcontract mowing to Darryl Deatsman provided he is insured.** Carried.
- F. Shingleton Community Building: Board discussed possible repairs and expense involved in getting the building ready to rent. Board consensus there is to be no rentals at this time. Board to go determine state of building.
- G. Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Director Ballot: Board consensus to go forward with nomination.

Committee/Policy Reports: None.

Fire Department:

Present. Fire Chief Harold Anderson ordered shirts/jackets and department patches using golf tournament funds. No golf tournament this year due to Covid. Chief explained the importance of mutual aid. Meeting on June 16 and 17 for a mock boat shooting. Chief thanked the Board for supporting their fire department. Fire Department participating in the parade this year.

Public Comment:

Fire Captain John Murk thanked the Board for their support and offered that the work done to the pumper added 10 years to it.

Comment was received by one person asking where public notices are placed now that the Munising News is closed.

Building Report:

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The pavilion is reserved June 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, and 26th.

Treasurer's Report: Balance Savings (05/01/21): \$482,205.75. Receipts: \$54,489.46. Disbursements: \$86,381.01. Balance Savings (05/31/21): \$450,314.20. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$86,460.24. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$178,667.75. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$41,421.74. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1,041.49. Balance General Fund: \$260.12.

Pay Bills:

Moved Decet/seconded Balko, to **pay bills with checks numbered 7493 through 7572**. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Willson/seconded Decet, to **adjourn**. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor