

**Munising Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2024 7:00 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.**

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**Roll Call:**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Lisa Howard, Clerk Patty Willson, Treasurer Carmon Decet, Trustee Selina Balko, and Trustee Jolene Hetherington. Board Members Absent: None. Also present: Assessor Corey McLaughlin, Zoning Administrator Kathleen Lindquist, Bob Balko, Fire Chief Harold Anderson, Ben Schimpf and Eric Schoneman of Peninsula Solar, Neil Pokela, and Commissioner Rick Capogrossa.

Supervisor Howard opened our April 1, 2024, meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved Decet/seconded Hetherington to **approve minutes of March 4, 2024 Township Board regular meeting**. Motion carried. Moved Balko/seconded Decet to **approve minutes of March 4, 2024 Township Board special meeting**. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Correspondence/Report:**

Received Fahey newsletter. Received a notice from the State (EGLE) to remove a 32" diameter culvert under Sand Point Road and replace it with a 10' span, 4' rise, 78' long bottomless box culvert. Received letter of review from Consumers Life Insurance Company that our benefits will continue with no change in premium rates beginning May 1 and those rates are guaranteed for another two years. QuickBooks Annual Payroll is renewing on April 11 at an estimated amount of \$850.

Updated the website. Absent Voter Ballots for the May 7 school election are currently being sent to those voters that chose to be on the permanent ballot list. Selected election workers. Pre-accuracy testing was successful. Held the Election Commission meeting on April 1. Public Accuracy testing scheduled for April 15 at 4:30 p.m. Munising Township will be open for early voting Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The minutes from the March 13 Planning Commission meeting are included in your packets.

**Supervisor's Correspondence/Report:**

Received request for support for Munising 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. Charter Communications will cease carriage of TBN Enlace on channel 334 on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Received information on natural gas pipeline safety. Received Notice of Hearing from UPPCO requesting waivers of certain Service Quality and Reliability Standards for Electric Distribution Systems pursuant to R460.751 and R460.752 and related relief on Tuesday, April 16, at 10 am via video/teleconferencing. Received a letter from Miller Canfield offering to help us comply with the Corporate Transparency Act but after looking into it and referring to a Fahey Schultz Newsletter, governmental units are exempt.

Attended Board of Review. Demolition of blighted property on Cedar Street is moving forward through the Alger County Land Bank. The DNR Trust Fund Grant was submitted. Submitted our ARPA Compliance Report.

**Requested Items:**

- A. Peninsula Solar: Presented information to the Board and answered questions.
- B. Neil Pokela: Complaint voiced regarding the upgrades to the playground at McQuisten Park and ADA compliancy.
- C. Zoning Administrator: Present and provided update.
- D. Assessor: Present and provided update.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Cemetery Property Expansion: No update.
- B. Installing Solar for Township Hall/Firehall: Received estimates from Peninsula Solar for solar only, solar with battery back-up, and solar with generator back-up. Moved Balko/seconded Hetherington to **proceed with installation of solar panels and generator back-up in the amount of \$79,024.56 plus an additional expense to have gas run to generator**. Carried.

**New Business:**

- A. Re-appointment of Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: Motion Howard/seconded Willson to **re-appoint Keith Tackett and Bob Helsel to the Planning Commission, and re-appoint**

- Karen Gamelin to the Zoning Board of Appeals, all with terms ending in 2027.** Carried.
- B. Zoning Application Fee for Planned Unit Development: Moved Howard/seconded Hetherington to **set fee for Planned Unit Development at \$1,000.** Carried.
  - C. Road Bond Payment: Moved Decet/seconded Willson to **pay interest in the amount of \$1472.50, due on May 1.** Carried.
  - D. Support for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee: Moved Decet/seconded Balko to **support the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee in the amount of \$500.** Carried.
  - E. Support for UPSET: Moved Willson/seconded Decet to **support UPSET in the amount of \$2,000.** Carried.
  - F. Alger Parks and Recreation Partnership: Moved Hetherington/seconded Decet to **pay invoice for \$31,515.** Carried.
  - G. Shingleton Community Building: Board discussed the condition of the Shingleton Community Building and would like input from the residents of Shingleton. Board will gather in Shingleton on May 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss the future of the community building.

**Committee/Policy Reports:** None.

**Fire Department:**

Present, and provided report.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Present, and provided update.

Balance Savings (02/29/2024): \$339707.31. Receipts: \$14491.22. Disbursements: \$54985.26. Balance Savings (03/31/24): \$299213.27. Balance Fire Truck Millage Account: \$122838.51. Balance Road Millage Fund: \$221222.34. Balance Road Improvement Fund: \$27192.87. Balance Road Bond Account: \$1051.10. Balance General Fund: \$5011.54. Balance CD – Embers: \$307656.10. Balance CD – Embers/FTMillage: \$255742.08. Balance Savings – Embers: \$5.00.

**Pay Bills:**

Moved Hetherington/seconded Howard, to **pay bills with checks numbered 9888 – 9954.** Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall.

**Adjournment:**

Moved Willson/seconded Decet to **adjourn.** Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

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Lisa Howard, Township Supervisor