

**Call to Order**

William Carlson, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members present included Kathy Carlson, Patrick Moyle and Gary Wommer.

**Absent:** Excused absence Rachel Sertich  
(Jackie Shier, Deputy Clerk, in attendance to take minutes of meeting)

**Agenda**

Upon motion of Kathy Carlson, seconded by Gary Wommer, the Agenda as presented was approved. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Board members reviewed the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on July 13, 2017. Upon motion of Pat Moyle, seconded by Gary Wommer, the minutes as presented were approved. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

**Road Contracts** Upon motion of Pat Moyle, seconded by Gary Wommer, to approve the contract with the Marquette County Road Commission to Crack Seal, Chip Seal and Fog Seal the following roads in Negaunee Township at a total cost of \$55,396.60.

**Chip Seal /Fog Seal**

North Road (City limits to Kivela Rd.)  
Hardwood Lane (CR 510 to end of Pavement)

**Crack Filling**

Forge Road (Forest Dr. To City of Negaunee Limits)  
Snowfield Road (US 41 to end of pavement)  
Horseshoe Lake Circle (HLC to end of pavement)  
North Road (Kivela Rd to Gun Club)  
Superior View Lane. (SVL to end of pavement)

Motion Carried

**UMERC Project (Engineering Contract)**

After some discussion the UMERC Project was tabled until the September meeting.

**Community Center Board Act Update (Ability to Pay Committee Wages)**

No new information provided from the Michigan State Senate.

**New Business**

**UMERC Wellhead Protection Agreement** Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (UMERC)

wishes to enter into an agreement with Negaunee Township to install certain measures in order to meet the goal of the wellhead protection as noted within the Township's Zoning Ordinance. Upon motion of Kathy Carlson, seconded by Gary Wommer, approval was given for Negaunee Township to enter into a Wellhead Protection Agreement with U MERC.

Aye: W. Carlson, K Carlson, Moyle & Wommer  
Nay: None  
Absent R. Sertich

Motion Carried

Zoning Administrator Training The Zoning Administrator requested permission to attend a training workshop Sept. 27 - 29, 2017. Upon motion of Kathy Carlson, seconded by Gary Wommer, approval was given for the Zoning Administrator to attend a zoning workshop on Mackinac Island September 27-29, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Motion Carried.

Northern MI Public Service Academy (NMPSA) Membership

Board members discussed membership with the NMPSA. After some discussion and upon motion of Gary Wommer, seconded by Kathy Carlson, the Township was authorized to become a member of NMPSA. Motion carried.

Re-Zoning – R2 Property US Highway 41

O'Dovero Properties had requested the Township re-zone three parcels of property located on U.S. Highway 41. At present the parcels are zoned R2 and it has been requested they be re-zoned to General Business. Upon motion of Gary Wommer, seconded by Pat Moyle, approval was given to re-zone 3 parcels on U.S. Highway 41 owned by O'Dovero Properties from R2 to General Business.

Aye: W. Carlson, K Carlson, Moyle & Wommer  
Nay: None  
Absent R. Sertich

Motion Carried

Resolution for Millage Ballot

Upon motion of Pat Moyle, seconded by Gary Wommer, the following Resolution was approved:

**Negaunee Township, Marquette County  
Local Proposal - Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language  
for November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot**

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Negaunee Township wishes to provide improvements to the failing roads within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Townships may contract and cooperate with other entities to provide road improvements as authorized by Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Negaunee Township wishes to levy 1.55 mills for the purpose of rebuilding and overhauling approximately 8.55 miles of Township roads,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Negaunee Township, Marquette County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the November 7, 2017 election ballot:

**Negaunee Township Road Improvement Program Millage**

Shall Negaunee Township impose an increase up to 1.55 mills (\$ 1.55 per \$1000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, and levy it for 15 years, 2018 through 2033 inclusive, for the purpose of rebuilding and overhauling approximately 8.55 miles of roads which are currently in failing condition, which 1.55 mills will raise an estimated \$224,009 in the first year the millage is levied.

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

Aye: W. Carlson, K Carlson, Moyle & Wommer  
Nay: None  
Absent R. Sertich

Motion Carried

*(After the meeting it was noted the millage date was not correct and should run through 2032 versus 2033. This will be noted as a clerical error and will be corrected at the September, 2017 Township Board Meeting.)*

**Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Appointment – Alternate Paul Wolfson**

Board members discussed an opening on the Townships ZBA Board. Upon motion of Pat Moyle, second by Gary Wommer, approval was given to appoint Paul Wolfson as the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate effective immediately. Motion carried.

**Community Center Board Arctic Cat Side by Side Purchase**

After some discussion, the Township Board tabled approval of the purchase of Artic Cat side-by-side unit. The Supervisor would like the Negaunee Township Board to meet with the Community Center Board in a Work Session to go over the Personnel Policy (including Purchasing Policy). A meeting date has been set for Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**Reports**

**Community Center Board**

Patrick Moyle, Board Liaison to the Community Center Board (CCB), provided an update for the meeting held on August 7, 2017. Mr. Moyle noted the CCB bids for the Green Space had not been included in the minutes for the Township’s regular Board meeting held on July 13, 2017. For informational purposes, those bids included:

Smith Paving	\$ 87,210.00
Associated	\$ 14,600.00
Steve Robar	\$ 2,000.00

Highlights also included: 1) While Mr. Moyle had thought the Green Space bids were tabled, it went through anyway, and 2) bids to prepared the CCB's 5 Year Plan had been awarded to CUPPAD in the amount of \$1,500.00.

It was noted when putting out bids, there needs to be written specs and a written signed contract.

**Fire Department Report** Fire Chief, Jeff Kontio, reviewed his report dated July 17, 2017. Highlights include: 1) the new addition will be completely finished by mid September, 2) 15 calls for the month of July, 3) training on structure response and hose deployment and annual hose testing, 4) National Night Out was well attended despite the rain, and 5) comments on the new training room were all positive.

**Water Report** Water Supervisor, Russ Williams reviewed his report dated July, 2017. Highlights include: 1) Water loss continues to be low, 2) 32 Miss Digs for the month, 3) New service line on Superior View Lane, 4) Lead & Copper samples collected and sent in for testing and results have been reported to all homeowners, 5) 57 Valves have been tested and maintenance records will be keep, 6) Electric costs continue to go down, 7) One inactive account was turned on (someone was living there) and an agreement was made with customer to collect past due water Ready to Serve charges, and 8) investigated inactive garbage accounts that have someone living there.

**Clerk Report (Bills, Claims)**

Water Fund Checks #7965 through 7987 totaling \$43,898.83 were reviewed. Upon motion of Kathy Carlson, seconded by Patrick Moyle, the Water fund checks as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

General Fund checks #26946 through 27018 totaling \$64,346.66 and ACH information for the month of July 2017 totaling \$17,408.69 were reviewed. Upon motion of Gary Wommer, seconded by Kathy Carlson the General fund checks and ACH with a grand total of \$81,755.35 as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

**Planning Report** Gary Wommer, Board Liaison, provided an update on the ZBA meeting held on August 8, 2017. The ZBA approved the setbacks for 105 N. Basin Dr. Gary suggested Mr. Paul Wolfson the new ZBA alternate be present at the August 15, 2017 meeting.

**Assessor's Report** Assessor, Susan Bovan, provided a written report dated August 4, 2017 which highlighted: 1) Board of Review was held on July 18, 2017, with a total of 10 parcels presented, 2) Preparations are being made to notify property owners of this year's reassessment including areas of Rainy Creek Road, Pine Martin Road., White Bear Drive., Nee Jee Road., McClure Dam Road., Rocky Ridge Road., and Superior View Lane, and 3) the Assessor had the GIS(Geographic Information System) uploaded to her computer and it is also linked to the Zoning Administrator's computer and 3) Susan will be attending a hearing on September 28, 2017 on properties requesting to be taken off the regular tax roll and put on CFR (Commercial Forest Reserve) roll.

**MCAT Training**

During the months of September and October, MCAT is holding staff training, and the Assessor would like the Assessor Assistant to attend training on October 11-13, 2017 at a cost of \$150. Upon motion of Kathy Carlson, second by Gary Wommer, approval was give for the Assessor Assistant to attend the MCAT Staff training at Marquette Township, October 11-13, 2017 at a cost of \$100.00 for the training and \$50.00 for the exam. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer, Kathy Carlson, reviewed her report dated August 10, 2017. Highlights included: 1) Researched local banks and credit unions, 2) updated MCRC current project payments, 3) set up training for emergency preparedness on August 18, 2017, 4) worked with BNY

Mellon to update Building Bond Information, 5) worked with Range Bank to set the Tax Department. up for desk top deposit, 6) made July Board of Review adjustments to Tax Roll, 7) sent out adjusted tax bills and notices, 8) received 3<sup>rd</sup> installment from Enright Construction for 2016 delinquent PP tax - received approximately \$565,000.00 for 2017 taxes to date and 9) presented Checkbook balances as of July 31, 2017.

Deputy Treasurer / Assessor Assistant and Office Manager Wage Increase (after probationary period) It was noted both the Deputy Treasurer / Assessor Assistant and the Deputy Clerk/Office Manager had successfully completed the 6 month probationary period and were due for a raises. Upon motion of Gary Wommer, seconded by Kathy Carlson, to approve pay raises for the Deputy Treasurer / Assessor Assistant to \$17.18 and the Deputy Clerk/ Office Manager to \$20.51 effective August 17, 2017. Motion Carried.

**Supervisor's Report** Supervisor Carlson provided an update on Township activities since the last Board meeting. He noted he would also like to look into a street light study. At present the Township is paying for approximately 172 street lights. A study would help determine distance between the lights and where they are needed for school bus stops. It was also noted he would like to see the garbage cans at the 510 Bridge stenciled and picnic tables put out. If tables could be obtained (perhaps donated), perhaps the Boy Scouts could be asked to put them together.

**Road Study** County Rd 510 - Chip sealing is almost done and the crack seal has been started.

**Brownfield Authority** No meeting was held for the month of July.

**Wellhead Protection Committee** No meeting was held for the month of July.

**Advisory Trial Committee** No report provided.

**Personnel Committee** No meeting was held in the month of July. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at 4 p.m.

**Emergency Management Report** Mr. Carlson will be attending a MERS meeting at Marquette Township Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

### **Correspondence**

- MERS - Update

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Informational Item**

- Central Dispatch
- M.C.R.C. - Relations Committee Minutes
- M.C.R.C. Information

### **Board Member Comments**

Gary Wommer -

- He would like to see the Community Center Board members paid and would like to get board approval to meet with Kevin Koch about the possibility of appointing the Building and

Recreation members as members of a Recreation Commission for the Negaunee Township Board in addition to their being elected members of the Community Center Board. In so doing it would allow the Negaunee Township Board to reimburse the Community Center Board for their meetings. Upon motion of Patrick Moyle, seconded by Kathy Carlson, approval was given for Gary Wommer to meet with Kevin Koch regarding appointment of the Community Center Board members under Act 154. Motion Carried.

- He would also like to see the Township purchase a drone for the Planning and Zoning Department. It would go along with the GPS and help with Township property management. The cost would be between \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00. Mr. Wommer suggested the Board apply to the Keweenaw Indian Community for half of the cost. Kathy Carlson suggested that more information be obtained regarding cost, who could use it and for what.
- He would like to approach the Marquette Board of Light and Power to see if they can provide the Township with a listing of locations of the street lights which are currently in use and being paid for.

### **Next Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017

### **Adjournment**

No further business appearing and upon motion of Gary Wommer, seconded by Pat Moyle, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Shier  
Negaunee Township Deputy Clerk