

MUNRO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2016
Meeting held at Fire Station No. 2

PRESENT: Antkoviak, Ginop, Dotski, Tracey and Nows.

GUESTS: Walter Nows, Richard Gedert, Wm. Hartwig, Mike Robinson, Peter Koszut, Ed Ginop, Ronald & Dolores Lyons, Thomas and Anne Gaunt, Attorney Timothy Macarthur and Cheboygan County Road Manager Brent Shank.

Supervisor Antkoviak called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. following the Special Public Hearing on the special assessment of Silver Strand Road.

MINUTES - Nows made the motion to approve the December 8, 2015 meeting minutes, supported by Tracey. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Nows made the motion to pay the monthly bills amounting to \$4,081.80, supported by Tracey. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Attorney Tim MacArthur sent a Fire Cost Recovery Resolution to each township in the Inverness Fire Department to approve for cost recovery of vehicle fires. Inverness and Beaugrand Townships tabled their resolutions until wording and language could be changed. Munro decided to wait until the next fire board meeting to learn more about the proposed changes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual meeting with townships and the Cheboygan County Road Commission will be held February 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Indian River office.
- Next meeting on February 9, 2016 will be published for the second hearing on the Special Tax Roll Assessment of Silver Strand.
- Attorney Tim MacArthur presented a Resolution for Poverty Exemption that the township would have to pass. Tracey made the motion, supported by Nows to adopt the guidelines for poverty exemption. Upon roll call vote, the following voted: Antkoviak – yes, Ginop – yes, Dotski – yes, Tracey – yes, Nows – yes. The Township Clerk declared the resolution passed. (See attached resolution).
- Ginop reminded the board about working on the new proposed budget for 2016-2017 next February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – None

Ginop made the motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., supported by Dotski. Meeting was adjourned.

Linda N. Ginop
Munro Township Clerk

RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Munro, Cheboygan County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor/assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested.
- 5) Produce, if requested, deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes as appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2016 ASSESSMENTS

Number of Persons Residing In the Principal Residence	Poverty Guidelines Annual allowable income
1 person	\$11,770
2 persons	\$15,930
3 persons	\$29,090
4 persons	\$24,250
5 persons	\$28,410
6 persons	\$32,570
7 persons	\$36,730
8 persons	\$40,890
Each additional person, add \$4,160.00	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the supervisor/assessor and the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Township Board Member Donald Tracey and supported by Township Board Member Paul Nows.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“Aye”: Charles Antkoviak, Linda Ginop, Cheryl Dotski, Donald Tracey and Paul Nows

“Nay”: None

The Township Clerk declared the resolution passed.

1/12/2016

Linda N. Ginop, Clerk

Date