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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Form 990 header section containing organization name (MUNISING VISITORS BUREAU), EIN (38-2892443), and other identifying information.

Part I Summary

Table with 22 rows detailing financial information: mission statement, membership counts, revenue (Total: 537,924), expenses (Total: 530,864), and net assets (Total: 108,502).

Part II Signature Block

Signature block containing officer signature (Robert Stein), preparer signature (Ron Browe), and firm information (RON BROWE ACCOUNTING, LLC).

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [] No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
TO COLLECT MANDATED ROOM ASSESSMENT TAXES AND USE SAME FOR THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a. (Code) (Expenses \$ 385,266 including grants of \$ 346,050) (Revenue \$ 0)
SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GROOMING & MAINTENANCE

4b. (Code) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4c. (Code) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ \$ 385,266 (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 27 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28: During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes rows for 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 7, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 8, 9, 9a, 9b, 10, 10a, 10b, 11, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
<p><i>For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.</i></p>			
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a	13
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	13
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a	X
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	9b	
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	10	X
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	11	X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	X
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	15a	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization?	15b	X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ MI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input type="checkbox"/> Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ▶ RON BROWNE ACCOUNTING, LLC 906 387-3337 105 E SUPERIOR ST, MUNISING, MI 49862

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a 0			
	b Membership dues	1b 0			
	c Fundraising events	1c 42,400			
	d Related organizations	1d 0			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 346,050			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 149,261			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	0			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	▶ 537,711			
Program Service Revenue	Business Code				
	2a		0		
	b		0		
	c		0		
	d		0		
	e		0		
	f All other program service revenue		0		
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	▶ 0				
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	▶ 213			
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	▶ 0			
	5 Royalties	▶ 0			
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real			
		(ii) Personal			
	b Less: rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)	0	0		
	d Net rental income or (loss)	▶ 0			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities			
		(ii) Other			
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	0	0		
	c Gain or (loss)	0	0		
	d Net gain or (loss)	▶ 0			
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c)	0			
	See Part IV, line 18	a 0			
	b Less: direct expenses	b 0			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	▶ 0				
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a 0				
b Less: direct expenses	b 0				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	▶ 0				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a 0				
7b Less: cost of goods sold	b 0				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	▶ 0				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code			
11a		0			
b		0			
c		0			
d All other revenue		0			
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	▶ 0				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e	▶ 537,924	0	0	0	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	0			
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	0			
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	19,939		19,939	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	0			
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9 Other employee benefits	0			
10 Payroll taxes	7,684		7,684	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0			
b Legal	0			
c Accounting	2,953		2,953	
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other	0			
12 Advertising and promotion	47,111		47,111	
13 Office expenses	7,544		7,544	
14 Information technology	0			
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	1,745		1,745	
17 Travel	0			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	10,678		10,678	
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance	3,720		3,720	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a TAX ASSESSMENTS	43,965		43,965	
b EQUIPMENT & GROOMING	385,266	385,266		
c LICENSE & MISC	259		259	
d	0			
e	0			
f All other expenses	0			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	530,864	385,266	145,598	0
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	102,182	1	111,416
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4	Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	0		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	0		
	10c		0	10c	0
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	102,182	16	111,416	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,620	17	2,914
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21	Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable	0	24	0
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,620	26	2,914
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	100,562	32	108,502
33	Total net assets or fund balances	100,562	33	108,502	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	102,182	34	111,416	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	X	
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

Part VIII, Lines 1a-h (990) - Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Amounts

	Cash		Non Cash
1 Federated Campaigns		1	
2 Membership dues		2	
3 Fundraising events	42,400	3	
4 Related organizations		4	
5 Government grants (contributions)	346,050	5	
6 All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above: ROOM ASSESSMENTS	149,261		
Other contributions total	149,261	6	0
7 Total	537,711	7	0