

ALPENA TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION – FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 4:30pm

MINUTES

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Special Budget session on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7 pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe  
Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers  
Clerk Karie K. Bleau  
Trustee Cash Kroll  
Trustee Norm Poli  
Trustee Nate Thomson  
Trustee Matt Dunckel

Absent: None

Others present: Attorney Tim Gulden

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Larry Clark addressed the Board of Trustees and requested that consideration be given to moving the funds (\$5000.00) allocated for 2016-2017 budget into the 2017-2018 budget. He offered some historical information and shared that the agreement as he understands it that the intention of the prior Board was to allocate \$5k per year for 4 years for a total of \$20,000.00.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda with additions. All in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DPW Director Jerry Bleau made a request to purchase locators for the water boxes. He would like to spend approximately \$1500.00. A motion was made by Matt Dunckel and supported by Trustee Kroll to spend \$1500.00 from line item 592 100 956.00 to purchase locators. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Poli, Trustee Thomson, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.** Deputy Chief Dave Robbins addressed the Board regarding the need to replace the furnace at South Side station. One furnace completely failed at the beginning of winter and the second one is failing as well. Supervisor Skibbe informed the Board that he authorized an emergency purchase and installation of the furnaces for approximately \$2900.00. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Thomson. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Thomson, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried. Treasurer Ellery Somers would like to note that she requested that the Supervisor notify the Board of all emergency situations at the time of the emergency.

Supervisor Skibbe made a request of the Board of Trustees that he be authorized to advertise for the Building Official position that is being vacated by L. Klimaszewski. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel supported by Trustee Poli. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Trustee Thomson, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Skibbe requested that additional Budget Session Workshop dates be established. The agreed upon schedule is as follows: Friday Feb. 17, 2017 6am, Wednesday Feb. 22, 2017 7pm, Friday March 3, 2017 9:30am, Monday March 6, 2017 11am, Thursday March 9, 2017 7pm

#### **BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Treasurer Ellery Somers presented to the Board of Trustees information regarding the Revenues received year to date. The entire Board participated in a Round Table discussion regarding the status of Revenues received by the Township to date. Treasurer Ellery Somers agreed to further research some of the line items that appear to have a disparity and bring additional information to the next Budget workshop meeting on Friday February 17, 2017.

Clerk Bleau informed the Board of Trustees of the creation of a new Budget Worksheet and presented additional information regarding health insurance expenses and employee costs. Bleau informed the Board of Trustees of Captain Mark Hall's efforts in providing historical and current budget information for the Fire Dept. Captain Hall explained the presented spreadsheets in the Board members who were very appreciative of his efforts. Clerk Bleau committed to having the Budget Worksheets prepared for all of the departments for the next meeting on Friday February 17, 2017 at 6am

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jerry Bleau asked the Board when he should have his proposed budget ready to present to the Board. Supervisor Skibbe advised Mr. Bleau to have his proposed budget for 2017/2018 ready for the Feb 22, 2017 7pm meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Poli supported Treasurer Ellery Somers. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried. 6:41pm

Respectfully submitted:

Karie K Bleau, Clerk