

ALPENA TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC INPUT SESSION – MARCH 22, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Special Budget session on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

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

Absent Clerk Karie K. Bleau

Media Present: The Alpena News-Tyler Winowiecki
WATZ-Ben Stevens

Supervisor Skibbe called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Trustee Thomson and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Treasurer Ellery-Somers presented a letter that was sent to the Michigan Department of Treasury to comply with the Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Budget Manual and Accounting Procedures.

Budget Amendments for FY 2016/2017

Supervisor Skibbe and Treasurer Ellery-Somers presented the 2016/2017 budget amendments. Moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to approve the budget amendments for 2016/2017 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Trustee Poli, Trustee Thomson, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel and Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: None Clerk Bleau was excused. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT –PROPOSED 2017/2018 BUDGET:

Supervisor Skibbe discussed the entire budget in detail by department with the Board of Trustees and audience.

Clerk Bleau arrived at 6:10 p.m.

The Board of Trustees discussed the effects of FY2017/2018 budget being reduced across the board and specifically for the Alpena County Road Commission road projects. Clerk Bleau

explained that there are funds available in the current budget to meet the road project obligations the township has already committed to.

Trustee Dunckel voiced his concerns regarding the township allocating funds to Target. He explained that he had concerns about a public entity giving funds to a private company and he recommended that the board be very mindful on what the funds would be used for. He suggested regular communication and reports on how the funds would be utilized by Target. Supervisor Skibbe was adamant that our contribution to Target was a splash in the bucket compared to other municipalities and that we would get a great return on our investment. Trustee Dunckel then voiced his concerns that the township is not in the business of getting a return on our investment, but providing services to the residents of Alpena Township. Supervisor Skibbe informed the board that Target Director Jim Klarich would be doing a presentation at the next board meeting on April 3, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kurt Pratel thanked for the board for allocation funds for the Long Lake Association and he offered to give a report as to how the funds were spent.

Larry Clark, South Bay, shared his past ventures and complimented the board on an outstanding job on the budget and appreciated the transparency offered by the Board of Trustees during the budget process.

Moved by Clerk Bleau and supported by Treasurer Ellery-Somers to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. 7:07 p.m.

Laura Ellery-Somers
Alpena Township Treasurer

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