

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

July 7, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday July 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Pledge was led by Trustee Fournier. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Treasurer Diamond, Clerk Thusat and Trustees: Mischley, Dunckel, Poli, and Fournier. Absent: None. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, and seconded by Trustee Fournier to adopt the agenda as presented with the following addition. Under New Business, Item 3 under Water Dept. add water towers and uniforms. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Randy Stepanski, 111 Sunset Blvd, spoke to the Board about a \$600 water bill. Because of past pipe freezing problems he had ran a hook-up from his neighbor's house to his and his neighbor now has a bill for \$600. He asked the Board to consider giving his neighbor some form a relief from the bill. After discussion, it was decided that the bill was accurate and no relief was warranted.

Larry Clark from Taking Pride in Alpena, addressed the Board about the painting project the group had completed.

Jim LaFleur, 2565 Boilore Rd approached the Board about primary and secondary road designation as it pertains to Boilore Rd, He was informed that he needed to address the Road Commission with this question.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, and seconded by Trustee Dunckel to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014, Public Hearing as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: Tony Dell'Acqua, from Mi Spot informed the Board about his company and its history and background. They are a wireless internet provider and they are expanding into the Northeast Michigan area. He gave the Board info about their services.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Treasurer Diamond to receive and file the following correspondence: Alpena Township – Zoning Board of Appeals, Minutes from June, 17, 2014, Army Corps of Engineers, Huron Humane Society – Minutes from June 17, 2014, DEQ – Notification of Examination results, Alpena County Road Commission – Road update, Intergovernmental Air and Water – Agenda, June 19, 2014, Proposal 1: August Referendum PPT, DNR – Alpena Township Forest Management Plan, and Dept. of Treasury – Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Resolution to consider Establishing a South Bay Corridor Improvement Authority. Hal Niemen, Larry Clark, Bob Young and Brian Winter addressed the Board about their desire to work with the Township to establish a South Bay Corridor Improvement Authority. Mr. Niemen spoke about growing support in the area; he presented a vision that included

improvements at Squaw Bay, a pathway for bikes along the corridor, and back roads to relieve traffic. Mr. Clark said that this resolution was only an intent to work together. They were not asking for a commitment of funding from the Township. Mr. Young said they are working with NEMGOC and they needed citizen, business and government involvement. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Poli to take this under advisement, to move forward and educate ourselves and to consider working towards an agreement that works for everyone. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Alpena County Road Commission has adjusted their 2014 funding. Maple Ridge will not be utilizing their entire funds and the Commission has adjusted their fund to the remaining townships. This adjustment will add an additional \$3416.00 in funds to Alpena Township, A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and seconded by Trustee Poli to accept the funding from the Alpena County Road Commission. Motioned carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier. Nays: None.

New Business: The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD requesting that taxes be spread July 1 and December 1, 2014. No action was taken by the Township Board.

Road Agreement from Alpena County Road Commission for Boilore Rd. The Road commission wants to add fill to Boilore Rd, east of Truckey Rd. They intend to fill the road with pit run and capping with a small amount of gravel. The Township portion of the project would be \$4400. A motion to accept this agreement was made by Trustee Mischley and seconded by Trustee Dunckel. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, and Mischley. Nays: None.

Building Permits: 25 Building permits were issued for June 2014, generating \$6985.75 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 56 permits generating \$104519.25.

Electrical Permits: 17 electrical permits were issued for June 2014 generating \$6593.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 53 permits generating \$12545.00 in fees with the Township portion of fees equaling \$2509.00.

T. Robert medical Leave of Absence. Motion to accept request made by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Poli. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Start process to Hire M. Amlotte. Motion made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Fournier to hire M. Amlotte, Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, and Diamond. Nays: None.

Trailer Donation: Michael Twite has donated a 2000 Trailer Coach, valued at \$4000 to the Fire Department. The Fire Dept. would like to use it as a Smokehouse/Command Center. A motion to accept the donation and send a letter of thanks to Mr. Twite was made by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Dunckel. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, and Thusat. Nays: None.

Fire Dept. needs to purchase two Carbon Monoxide detectors for \$850. Motion made by Trustee Mischley and seconded by Trustee Fournier to approve the purchase. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, and Dunckel

Water Dept.: J. Bleau passed first MDEQ test.

Water Dept. Vehicle: 2000 Dodge truck has faulty computer. It would cost \$900 to fix. Vehicle is old Jerry would recommend looking at getting a new truck. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Poli and seconded by Trustee Fournier to have Marie and Jerry research and do what is best for the township. Either repair or replace. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, and Poli. Nays: None.

Water Towers: It's been 5 years since our Water Towers have been cleaned and inspected. Jerry said it would cost \$2000.00 each to have this done and he recommends that we do it. Motion made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Treasurer Diamond that we have Jerry get bids to have the Water Towers cleaned and inspected. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, and Fournier. Nays: None.

DPW Uniforms: J. Bleau would like to buy 8 shirts and one jacket for the water dept. workers. This would save us the cost we currently have for washing and cleaning. Motion made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Poli for the Township to purchase the 8 shirts and one jacket for each DPW employee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, and Twite. Nays: None.

DPW Worker: J Bleau asked to keep N. Skibbe on as a summer worker thru August. It was discussed and a motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Mischley to keep N. Skibbe on thru August and to reevaluate keeping him on longer come September. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, and Mischley. Nays: None.

Workshop: The Board had a discussion and decided to have a workshop on July 21, 2014 to further educate themselves about Corridor Improvement Authorities and TIFs.

Bills: Motion to pay election workers and pay the bills made by Treasurer Diamond and seconded by Trustee Fournier. Motioned carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, and Mischley. Nays: None.

Closed Session: Motion made by Trustee Mischley and seconded by Trustee Dunckel to move into closed session for Attorney/Client communication. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, and Diamond. Nays: None.

Open Session: Motion made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Poli to move to open session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, and Thusat. Nays: None.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Treasure Diamond and seconded by Trustee Fournier at 8.55pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by

T. Juergen Thusat

Alpena Township Clerk