

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

October 3, 2016

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Poli, Fournier, Mischley and Dunckel. Absent: Treasurer Diamond. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda with the following changes: under Old Business add: b. Property Offer – Bloom Rd, under New Business: add 5. Retirement Letter. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve the minutes from July 7, 2016, August 1, 2016 and September 6, 2016 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: Robert Hess addressed the Board about FOIA requests and a letter he had sent to the Township attorney, Mary Hess addressed the Board about posting township minutes, Susan Skibbe asked about the budget process and Gary Parteka had questions about the Water/Sewer provisional funds.

Correspondence: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement – 2016 Tax Rate Request, Letter of Appreciation – P. Gallagher, County of Alpena – Inter-local Agreement, Letter from Residents of Mac Avenue, and Alpena County Intergovernmental Council – Agenda – October 6, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Road Projects – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the Road Projects for Misery Bay Road(revised), North Point Road, and Haken Road, presented by the Alpena County Road Commission, the projects will require \$11,913 in matching funds. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Offer to Buy Property – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to accept the offer of \$10,000 for the Bloom Rd & Long Lake Rd Property with a requirement the VanWormer name be used at the new Ball Park property. Motion carried by a 5 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: Fournier. Absent: Diamond.

New Business:

Snow Removal Quote – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to accept the Snow Removal quote from Schwartz Excavating & Contracting for the

2016-2017 Winter Season. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Health Insurance Renewal – Moved to closed session.

Nature Preserve Trail Maintenance – Discussion was held and Trustee Dunckel said he would look into it.

MTA Workshop – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow up to 2 Board of Trustee members to attend the MTA – Township Finances workshop in Grand Rapids on November 18, 2016. - Cost/lodging/mileage to be paid for by the Township for current Board members. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Retirement/Request to Advertise – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to accept the 3 retirement letters from our Custodial staff, effective November 26, 2016 and send letters of appreciation to each employee. Also allow the Supervisor to advertise to fill the position. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Department Reports:

Fire Department:

Request to Reimburse – A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Mischley to reimburse up to \$1300 to Abbi Kaszubowski for EMT Instructor Coordinator Class. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Thusat. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

MFC Association Conference – A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Mischley to approve K. Osbourne and D. Robbins to attend the MFC Conference in Grand Traverse on October 18-20, 2016. The Township will pay for the conference, lodging and mileage. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Resignation – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to accept the letter of retirement from K. Reamer and letters of resignation from T. Parris and T. Krueger approve the advertising for three (3) positions for the Fire Department, one Full-time and 2 paid-on-call and send letters of appreciation to the firefighters for their service. Motion carried by 5 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: Fournier. Absent: Diamond.

Open House – Chief Osbourne informed the Board the both Fire Stations would be holding an Open House on October 8, 2016.

Water Department:

The Water Department has received a request to reimburse the out of pocket deductible cost for damage to a car apparently caused by manhole cover. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley to pay \$124.38 to reimburse for deductible for damage caused by the manhole cover. Motion failed on a 3 to 3 vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier and Dunckel. Nays: Mischley, Twite, and Thusat. Absent: Diamond.

Leak Detection Survey – The Board was informed that the Township Attorney has no concerns with the contract but DPW Director Gerald Bleau would like to table this at this time and not proceed.

Fall Flushing Program – The Board was informed that the Fall Flushing Program was 99% complete.

Discussion: Supervisor Twite raised concerns about TIFFs and would like everyone to research the idea before acting on any TIFF proposals.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to pay the bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Information Pending Litigation – Water/Sewer, Contract Negotiations – Local 1859 IFFA. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to authorize Supervisor Twite to finalize the contract with Local #1859. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Adjourn: At 8:50pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk