

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

November 7, 2016

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, November 7, 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 Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve the minutes from October 3, 2016 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: Mary Hess addressed the Board about line items in the Township budget. Mark Roster and Lyle VanWormer addressed the Board about concerns about the property recently sold by the Township. Nathan Skibbe asked the Board to try to allow for a smooth transition with the new Board coming in after the election. Larry Clark gave a brief update about South Bay's recently activities and John Caplis thanked the current Board for their service.

Correspondence: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement and the Alpena Township Planning Commission - Minutes – October 10, 2016.2016. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Sale of Property – Supervisor Twite informed the Board that the transaction for Parcel#013-027-000-890-00 (VanWormer Ball Field) was complete.

Escrow Account Signatures – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to require two (2) signatures for all transactions on the provisional water account set up with the City of Alpena. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Alpena Township Sign – Tabled until next month's Board meeting.

New Business:

Request to Purchase New Phone System – Tables until next month's Board meeting.

Tax Reverted Property – Tables until next month's Board meeting.

Requested to Purchase Property – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to use the \$10,000 that was received from sale of the old Ball field property towards the purchase of property behind the Township Hall for new Ballfields. After discussion

Trustee Mischley withdrew his motion and it was decided to table the issue until next month's Board meeting.

Water/Sewer Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance #128 to allow for Monthly billings for customers that exceed 2,000,000 gallons of water on an annual basis. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve Ordinance #128, an ordinance to amend the Alpena Sewer and Water Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Department Reports:

Building Permits - 18 Building permits were issued for September 2016, generating \$3,776.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 115 permits generating \$88,786.

Building Permit – 9 Building permits were issued for October 2016, generating \$3,405.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 124 permits generating \$92,191.00.

Electrical Permits – 12 Electrical permits were issued in September 2016 generating \$ 1,907.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 90 permits generating \$12,295.00.

Electrical Permits – 10 Electrical permits were issued in October 2016 generating \$1,187.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 100 permits generating \$13,482.00.

Mechanical Permits – 12 Mechanical permits were issued in September 2016 generating \$1900.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 37 permits generating \$6,545.00.

Mechanical Permits – 19 Mechanical permits were issued in October 2016 generating \$2085.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 56 permits generating \$9,480.00.

Plumbing Permits – 2 Plumbing permits were issued in September 2016 generating \$300.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 12 permits generating \$1,926.00.

Plumbing Permits – No Plumbing permits were issued in October 2016 generating \$0.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 12 permits generating \$1,926.00.

Fire Department: No Report.

Water Department: No Report.

Discussion: Trustee Mischley spoke about the Recycling Board and wanted to make sure that the incoming Township Board would realize that there would be two vacancies on the Recycling Board that would need to be filled.

Supervisor Twite spoke and wanted to thank all the Board members that she has served with. She gave a brief review of some of the accomplishments achieved during her time as Supervisor.

Trustee Dunckel made a motion that was supported by Trustee Mischley to recognize the time served and the accomplishments made by Treasurer Diamond and Supervisor Twite. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli 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 Clerk Thusat and supported by Trustee Mischley to select Utilities Financial Solution, LLC as the mediator for the City/Township water dispute and to allow the Supervisor to sign any documents necessary. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Adjourn: At 8:00pm 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

Approved @ November 22, 2016 Special Meeting



Karie Bleau
Alpena Township Clerk effective Nov 20, 2016