

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

March 7, 2016

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

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Poli to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Under Old Business add: c) Visioning Session date, under New Business 2) Departments Reports, Fire Department Report add: Fire code info, add Training Requests. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Larry Clark addressed the Board and gave updates on Taking Pride in Alpena's recent activities and to ask for help with grant writing.

Correspondence: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Mischley to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement, Alpena County Road Commission – Road Updates, Top of Michigan Trails Council – Alpena to M-65 Trail Projects Updates. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Alpena County Road Commission – Township Dust Control Matching Program – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Dust Control Agreement. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Plumbing & Mechanical - Ordinance #126 – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to pass Ordinance #126, The Plumbing and Mechanical Ordinance and allow the Clerk to sign it. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

New Business: Resolution of Intent – Supervisor Twite presented the Board with a Resolution of Intent from North Point Shores Drive. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel accept the Resolution of Intent from North Point Shores Drive. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Departments:

Building Permits - 9 Building permits were issued for February 2016, generating \$7,212 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 14 permits generating \$7,464.

Electrical Permits – 14 Electrical permits were issued in February 2016 generating \$426.60 in fees and a year-to-date total of 24 permits generating \$679.80.

Fire Department – Deputy Chief Dave Robbins presented info on fire code and recommended that the Board adopt them. The Board will review and address at our next meeting.

Training Request – A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow 4 to attend the requested Training in Grand Traverse. The Board will pay for the classes(#345 each), lodging and mileage. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

MFR training – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow 4 to attend MFR training in Alpena at a cost of \$400/class & \$135 for book, with the cost to be reimbursed by the County. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Water Department: Point-to-Pay –Gerald Bleau present the Board with a Point-to-Pay program that would allow the Water Department to accept online payments at no cost to the Township. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow Gerald Bleau to sign the contract setting up Point-to-Pay ability. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve Gerald Bleau's request to attend Water Certification Review Course – S1 & S2 in March or April. Township will pay for Mileage/lodging and cost of Classes. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

Supervisor Twite read a letter a appreciation from Ray & Linda Stanley for service provided by the Water Department's employees.

Gerald Bleau informed the Board the with the recent water concerns in Flint, he wanted to let the Board know that the recent Water Quality Reports for our system so very low levels of lead(.0033). This is a good result.

Discussion: None

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to pay the bills and adjust the election worker pay to reflect the raise in the minimum wage. Precinct Worker will get \$8.50/hr., Co-Chairs \$9.00/hr. and Chairs \$9.50/hr. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Communication and Contract Negotiations (TPOAM). Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

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

Adjourn: At 8:10pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Treasurer Diamond. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk