

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

May 2, 2016

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, May 2, 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 & Dunckel. Absent: Trustee Mischley. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Under Old Business add: MTA conference in Harris, under New Business Fire Department add Paid on Call hire and Alpena Garden Club. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Gary Parteka addressed the Board with concerns about the provisional water rates and legal fees. Ken Tenniswood told the Board about the South Bay Corridor Clean-up on May 14. Susan Skibbe informed the Board that her group had received a grant. Larry Clark gave an update on the South Bay Corridor's activities. .

Correspondence: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to receive and file the following: State of Michigan – Plumbing/Mechanical Permits – Assistant Notification. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

North Point Shores – Special Assessment – Supervisor Twite opened a Hearing for comments on the role. No comments were heard. Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli to adopt the Resolution Confirming the Special Assessment Role for North Point Shores. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: Mischley.

Option 125 – Discussion took place and it was decided to reschedule a vote on Option 125 until June 6, 2016 after a meeting with a representative from Franklin Benefits on May 16, 2016. Clerk Thusat raised concerns about this delay causing the 3 Elected Officials to be without a benefit for two months. A motion was made by Clerk Thusat and supported by Trustee Dunckel, for the Fiscal year 2016-17, the offices of Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk will receive the same benefit package the received in the previous year. Any changes made to the benefit package will take effect with the new term for each office on November 20, 2016. Motion carried by 4 to 2 roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: Poli and Fournier. Absent: Mischley.

MTA Conference – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow Supervisor Twite to attend the MTA Conference in Harris Michigan. Motion carried by 5 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: Fournier. Absent: Mischley.

New Business:

Request to Use – Alpena Township Parking Lot – Low Cost Spade/Neuter Mobile Clinic. Tabled

MTA – Avoiding Employment Mistakes - A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to have Supervisor Twite attend the MTA class on Avoiding Employment Mistakes in Gaylord on May 19, 2016. Motion carried on 5 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel Poli and Twite. Nays: Fournier. Absent: Mischley.

Huron Pines – Protection/Restoration Projects – Nature Preserve & Squaw Bay - A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to allow Huron Pines to survey Squaw Bay and the Nature Preserve at no cost to the Township. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Department Reports:

Assessing – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to send the Assessor to a class in Rogers City on May 19, 2016, with the Township paying for the class and mileage to attend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None. Absent: Mischley.

Fire Department:

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the new Requirements for Full-time personnel presented to the Board by Fire Chief Osbourne at the last meeting on April 18, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Hire - A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to Process and hire S. Stachlewitz as a paid on call firefighter. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: Mischley.

Water Department:

Gerald Bleau gave the Board an update on the Provisional Water account and it's current balance, which is \$1,293,204.38.

Alpena Garden Club – A discussion took place and it was agreed to look into using the Alpena Garden Club to help maintain our gardens here at the Township Hall.

Discussion: A Community Input Session worksheet was given to each Board member.

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

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to move into a closed session. To discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Communication, Pending

Litigation – Water/Sewer and Contract Negotiations – TPOAM & Local# 1859 IFFA. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Twite, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Mischley.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve the contract that was negotiated with TPOAM for the office workers and DPW workers. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Diamond. Nays: None. Absent: Mischley.

Adjourn: At 9:50pm a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk