

## Board of Trustees Special Meeting

May 21, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a special session on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 3:30pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, in Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Treasurer Diamond, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Poli, Fournier, Mischley and Dunckel. Absent: None. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to adopt the agenda with the following additions: under Old Business add Application for Right – of-Way – Thunder Bay Island, Under New Business Line 4 Building Department, Proposal for State Codes, Under Water department add AWWA Training and Line 5 - Live Burn Training and Line 6 - Manahan Point Road. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### Public Comment:

Larry Clark from Taking Pride in Alpena gave an update on their Fundraising efforts. They now have \$10,000.00 of their \$30,000.00 goal.

Presentation: Mike Spleet from Franklin Benefits Solutions gave a presentation of their recommended plan for Health Care coverage for the Township. This Plan would be the same carrier as we currently have, Blue Cross insurance with PPO, same Network, same Doctors and same coverages. The addition would be a HSA to cover the increase in out of pocket expenses and deductibles. Township employees were present and Mr. Spleet answered all the questions they asked.

Correspondence: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to receive and file the following: Walmart Grant Application Denial. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Application for Right-of Way – Supervisor Twite would like authorization to sign an application for Right-of-Way on Thunder Bay Island. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel authorizing Supervisor Twite to sign the application for Right-of-Way on Thunder Bay Island. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business: MTA – Money Matter & Better Budgeting – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow Clerk Thusat to attend the MTA workshop in St. Ignace, MI on July 14, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Temporary Authorization – The Courtyard Restaurant has applied for a temporary Authorization for Outdoor Entertainment for July 4, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the request by the Courtyard for Temporary Outdoor Entertainment on July 4, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting Cancellation – A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to cancel the June 1, 2015 meeting of the Alpena Board of Trustees. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### Department Reports:

Assessing Department – A request to attend Training - A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel for Howard Lumsden and Kris Lewis to attend GIS Made Easy training in Leelanau on June 5, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Code Books – By joining MADCAD we can share the cost of the code books. A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to join MADCAD. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Building Permits - 12 Building permits were issued for April 2015, generating \$3,413.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 30 permits generating \$12,861.00.

Electrical Permits – 13 Electrical permits were issued in April 2015 generating \$1,905.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 36 permits generating \$5,836.00.

Water Department – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve \$4,045.00 for the purchase of a new lawn mower. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Request to attend Training. Gerald Bleau would like to attend AWWA training. There is no cost for the training but there would be travel and lodging expense. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to pay for lodging/food/mileage for Gerald Bleau to attend the AWWA class. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow for the Habitat for Humanity live burn training on Long Lake Rd. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier authorizing Supervisor Twite to get a permit from the County to brush 25 feet on Monahan Point Rd. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Discussion: John Clements addressed the Board about the Insurance presentation. He had questions about the township opting out and how long will the township contribute to the HAS. Supervisor Twite informed John that the Board needs to discuss these matters in closed session and approach the unions.

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

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

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, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley to appoint Franklin Benefits Solution as agent of record for Blue Cross Blue Shield. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to move to the Small Group Plan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier Twite. Nays: None.

A Motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to contribute \$1,300 for individuals and \$2,600 for families into HSA accounts set up by the employees. This contribution will be on July 1, 2015 renewal and on January 1, 2016 renewal. The board will also eliminate the \$700 reimbursement effective July 1, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier authorizing Clerk Thusat to sign the MOU with the unions. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn: At 5:45pm 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