

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

August 1, 2016

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday August 1, 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 and Attorney Tim Gulden were also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Under New Business-Fire Dept. add New Hire – Paid on Call – J. Tomaszewski. Move – Appeal – Grievance Local 1859 to closed session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

Robert and Mary Hess addressed the Board about In Lieu of Insurance.

Dan Paquette addressed the Board about concerns of flooding in his subdivision.

Larry Clark gave the Board an update about South Bay Corridor's activities.

Leo Koseba asked questions about berm issue.

Minutes: July 5, 2016 – tabled until next meeting.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement, - Planning Commission – Minutes – July 11 & July 18, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

Blight Ordinance Enforcement – Attorney Tim Gulden explained the process involved in enforcing the Township Blight Ordinance. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley, authorizing the Supervisor or the Zoning Administrator to issue a ticket for the violation on 624 Mack Ave, if they are still in non-compliance on August 8, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Special Assessment Bond Refinancing – Supervisor Twite would like Board permission to continue to look into the refinancing of the Special Assessment Bond. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to authorize Supervisor Twite to continue to move forward with the Special Assessment Bond refinancing. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

New Business:

MTA 2016 Regional Meeting – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve any Board of Trustee member to attend the MTA Regional Meeting in Alpena on October 18, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

NEMCOG Class – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve any Planning Commission member to attend the NEMCOG class in Alpena on Oct 13, 2016 on Sign Regulation. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Hands-Off Corporate Resolution – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Hand-Off Corporate Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Departments:

Fire Department

Request to purchase Automate Exhaust Fans – Chief Osbourne presented a quote to purchase Automate Exhaust Fans for the Northside Station. The request was table and the Chief will bring back two quotes.

Training Request – A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve David Robbins request to attend Michigan Fire Inspectors conference in Lansing on Sept 3-6, 2016. Township will pay for conference, lodging, food & travel expense. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Mobile Radio – Request to purchase mobile radio was table until a second quote is received.

New Hire - A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley to proceed with the process to hire J. Thomaszewski as Paid-on-Call. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Thusat. Nays: None. Absent; Diamond.

Water Department:

FOIA Appeal – It was determined that the FOIA Coordinator did not timely respond to four Freedom of Information requests and that the FOIA Coordinator corrected the error by providing late responses to the four requests.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli that the Alpena Township Board of Trustees grant the appeal and reverse the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator's denial of the four requesst. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier that the Alpena Township Board of Trustees uphold the fees required by the Alpena Township FOIA Coordinator for the four requests and execute the following written determinations concerning the appeal.

1. For each request, Michigan Compiled Laws section 15.234 permits charging a fee for the cost of labor associated with both the time to locate the public records and the time to copy the public records.
2. For each request, the Alpena Township FOIA Coordinator properly estimated the charges for the cost of labor to locate the requested public record and the cost to copy the requested public records.
3. For each request, the Alpena Township FOIA Coordinator properly reduced the estimated charges for the cost of labor to locate and copy the requested public records by 5% for each day the he exceeded the deadline for responding to each request.
4. The Alpena Township Board of Trustees certifies that the statements in this written determination are accurate, and that the estimated fee amounts provided by the Alpena Township FOIA Coordinator comply with the Alpena Township FOIA Procedures and Guidelines.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Request to Hire: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow Gerald Bleau to hire temporary help to cover for an employee off on Workers Comp. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

Request to Purchase – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to purchase meter reading equipment (\$6500 & \$4250) from ETNA for the Water Department. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

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: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond.

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

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

A Motion was made by Trustee Fournier to grant the grievance by Local 1859. Motion failed due to lack of support.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to deny the grievance by Local 1859 and offer to bring in a State Mediator. Motion carried by a 5 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Twite, Mischley and Thusat. Nays: Fournier. Absent: Diamond.

Adjourn: At 8:40pm 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