

Special Meeting/Board Meeting

August 4, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a special session on Monday August 4, 2014 at 5:30pm 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, and Mischley. Absent: Trustee Dunckel. Trustee Dunckel arrived at 6:30pm. Attorney James Florip was also present. The purpose of this meeting was to interview applicants for the assistant assessor position, a presentation by the Southside Pride Group and a regular monthly Board Meeting.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Mischley to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Interviews: Ruth Brown and Howard Lumsden were interviewed for the Assistant Assessor position that will be open after Erica Dean's retirement on Sept 12, 2014. Both applicants were asked about their previous work experiences and certifications. Each applicant was given an opportunity to ask questions and were told that a decision should be made very soon.

Presentation: A presentation was given by the South Bay Corridor group. Bob Young, Brian Winter, Larry Clark, Dennis Schultz and Gary Parteka were present. Brian Winter addressed the Board first, stating that the group would like to work with the Township Board to create a Corridor Improvement Authority(CIA). He noted that there would be no cost in creating this Authority. The Authority would allow people to be involved and work/help the township .He noted that the Authority can exist without a TIF. Larry Clark said an Authority would help maintain focus on the area. He noted that 80 people attended their visioning session and they provided a lot of valuable input. Bob Young informed the Board that Keeler Township approved a CIA in 2009 and they are very satisfied with the results. The Board received handouts and info about Keeler Township/Sister Lakes. Mr. Young would like to see the Township work with NEMCOG, stating that action must be taken soon or we could miss out on opportunities currently available. Dennis Schultz mentioned that the CIA was separate from the Heritage Route mentioned by NEMCOG and said he would like us to move forward. The Board thanked the group for their presentation and had a discussion. Trustee Dunckel raised a concern over the lack of involvement of the Township Planning Board, stating that the guiding document should be the Township Comprehensive Plan. Maybe this group should meet with the Township Planning Board. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to name Trustee Dunckel as a liaison with the South Bay Corridor group and Trustee Poli as a liaison with the Township Planning Board. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Chuck Lefebvre informed the Board that Denise Cline has asked him to serve on the Heritage Route committee. He said he would decline but would like the Township to choose a rep for this committee.

Minutes: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the minutes from 07/07/2014 & 07/21/2014 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Its was moved Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to receive and file the following: Alpena Township – Financial Report, Huron Humane Society – Minutes - July 15, 2014, ISO – Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Results. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business: Metro Act Permit – Attorney is reviewing this. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley to give Supervisor Twite the authority to go forward with this after the attorney has reviewed it. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Department Reports: Assessing Dept. – Threat assessment Class – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow two employees to attend this class. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, and Poli. Nays: None.

Fire Dept: Received applications from S. Davis, M. Noble and N. Skibbe, as new hires with the Fire Dept. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow Supervisor Twite to go through the process to hire all three. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, and Fournier. Nays: None.

A Large 4x4 Engine Truck from the DNR is available Supervisor Twite would like permission to accept it. Motion made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to allow Supervisor Twite to accept the grass rig from the DNR. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, and Twite. Nays: None.

Ambulance update: The vehicle was totaled and we need to find a replacement. Supervisor Twite would like permission to pursue a replacement. Twite also would like permission to sell the Mini-Pumper and with the proceeds buy a new imaging camera and a new ambulance. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to allow Supervisor Twite to list the Ambulance for sale and use the proceeds to purchase a new imaging camera and new ambulance. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, and Mischley. Nays: None.

Ladder Truck update: Officers are training to drive and use the ladder truck.

Bob Kaszubowski will be out of work until mid-August.

Water Dept.: Wayne Road update - Working with Larry Orcutt on bids.

Plan to drain water towers will experience a loss of water pressure when this happens. Tentatively the schedule is Aug 7 - Piper Rd tower, Aug 21 – US 23 S. tower, and Sept 11 M32 tower.

Discussion: Trustee Mischley expressed an interest in a Post Audit Policy. Supervisor Twite informed Trustee Mischley that she and Clerk Thusat are working on this and it would most likely be addressed come budget time.

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

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

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

Hire New Assistant Assessor: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to hire Howard Lumsden as the new Assistant Assessor after Erica Dean's retirement. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, and Fournier. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 8:35pm a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Poli, Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk