

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

January 5, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Fournier, Mischley, and Dunckel. Treasurer Diamond and Trustee Poli were absent. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to adopt the agenda with the following additions: add Presentation of Firefighter Awards after Adoption of Agenda, add under Old Business, South Bay Corridor Planning Recommendation, add under Fire Department Report , equipment request. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to name Shane Dawson, Rookie of the Year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to give an Outstanding Achievement Award to Kevin Reamer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Clerk Thusat and supported by Trustee Poli, per phone call made prior to meeting, to name Mark Hall, Firefighter of the Year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the minutes from December 1, 2014, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Newly elected County Commissioner Mary Hess, introduced herself to the Board.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement and Planning Commission Public Hearing notice for the Rec Plan Update, Huron Humane Society – Minutes – December 16, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: South Bay Corridor – Larry Clark representing the South Bay Corridor group asked the Board for a Resolution of Support for The South Bay Corridor group to interview three firms, Gosling Czubak Engineering, Becket & Raeder, and McKenna Associates, to be Landscape Architects for their project. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley to offer a Resolution of Support to interview these three firms. Trustee Fournier supported the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

New Business:

Request to remove Recycling Charge. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and Supported by Trustee Fournier to remove the Recycling Charge from Parcel# 013-014-00-798-13. Motion

carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat, and Dunckel.
Nays: None

Request to Attend: Trustee Dunckel requested permission to attend the Master's Project Client Fair, at U of M, in Ann Arbor on January 15, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow Trustee Dunckel to attend the Master's Project Client Fair in Ann Arbor on January 15, 2015, and to pay mileage to and from the Fair and one night's lodging. Larry Clark offered to pay for half the cost. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, and Fournier. Nays: None.

Letter of Support: Supervisor Twite wants Board approval for the letter she wrote, with confirmation by phone, for support for the DEQ Coastal Management Planning Grant. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier authorizing Supervisor Twite to write a letter of support for the DEQ Coastal Management Planning Grant. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to adopt The Poverty Guidelines and Asset Level Standard for 2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Department Reports:

Assessing Department – Upcoming training. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow 4 individuals to attend Board of Review Training in Alpena on February 25, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Building Permits - 5 Building permits were issued for November 2014, generating \$1624.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 129 permits generating \$123,874.25.

Electrical Permits – 6 Electrical permits were issued in November 2014 generating \$747.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 106 permits generating \$19,629.00.

Fire Department: Request to Purchase Equipment. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to purchase a Jaws of Life for \$1300, a platform for \$4500, a Camera for \$750, 2 fans for \$2000.00 and a Truck charger for the Camera for \$150. The total equipment request is \$20,400. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Water Department: For the month the water Department had 18 service line breaks and 2 main breaks,

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

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Communication and Labor Negotiations

– Healthcare/Wages. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat, and Dunckel. Nays: None.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the recommendation made by the township attorney in the closed session.

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve the hires of D. Robbins and Pokorski pending the outcome of their physical agility tests.

Discussion: Trustee Mischley expressed the desire to look into funding for the recycling program at a later date.

Adjourn: At 8:05pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk