

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

October 5, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, October 5, 2015 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, Mischley and Dunckel. Absent: None. Attorney James Florip was 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 Correspondence: add C. Community Foundation Letter, D. City of Alpena Notice of 100 year Flood Plan, Under New Business: 2. Approve Road Project add 3 year Plan, Under Fire Department: add send Five Firefighters to classes in Millersburg, Received Letter from J. Clements, Add: 5 2002 Ford Ambulance, 6. Language for Medical Marijuana, and 7. Request to attend Firefighter training for B. Fournier, in Frankenmuth. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Bob Young gave update on Taking Pride in Alpena's activities. He also requested \$3000 for their current expenses. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Mischley to give \$3000 to taking Pride in Alpena to help cover their expenses. The money would be taken from the Road and Public Safety line item in the budget. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

County Commissioners, Lyle VanWormer, Mary Hess, and Camillie Nerkowski, addressed the Board about County funding for Ambulance runs.

Minutes: a motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the minutes from September 21, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement and Planning Commission – Minutes – September 14, 2015, Huron Humane Society – Minutes – September 15, 2015, Community Foundation Letter and return of check, and City of Alpena Notice of 100 year Flood Plan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Planning Consultant Contract – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to hire Rick Deuel as a Planning Consultant. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

New Business: 1) Rezone Case#P-03-15 – R. Manning – N. Bagley St. Tabled until next meeting so the Board can get it back from the Alpena County Planning Commission.

2) Approve Road Projects – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the Road project presented for an estimated cost of \$102,380 to the

Township. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Supervisor Twite said she will meet with the Road Commission and property owners on Cottage Dr., Maple Grove and Maple St. to discuss a Three Year Plan.

Department Reports:

Building: Trustee Poli informed the Board of his communication with State Sen. Stamas' office that the Townships in Michigan are required to purchase these books. There is still discussion about ways around each township having to pay the full price.

Fire Department:

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve sending 5 new firefighters to education classes for EMTs in Millersburg at a cost of \$800 each for a total cost of \$4000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

The Township has received notice of the current union officers for the Fire Department.

John Clements e-mail request. The Township will check with workers comp to see what the policy is as it concerns to John Clements' request.

2002 Ford Ambulance – The Township has received a 2002 Ford Ambulance from Posen. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to accept the Ambulance. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yea: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to spend \$26,0000 to repair the old county ambulance, \$5,000 to repair the 2002 Ford Ambulance and program \$59,000 into the budget to start saving for a new Ambulance. Motion carried by 6 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: Fournier.

MTA – Firefighting Class – Trustee Fournier has requested to attend this class in Frankenmuth. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to allow Trustee Fournier to attend the MTA Firefighter classes in Frankenmuth and for the Township to pay per diem, lodging, meals and mileage. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

Water Department: AT&T contract – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Treasurer Diamond to leave the contract as is, and do nothing. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

T-Mobile Contract – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to give Gerald Bleau the authority to negotiate the contract. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

4) Medical Marijuana – It was decided to let the Planning Commission deal with this and see what they bring back to the Board.

Discussion: None

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to pay the bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. 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 Local 211 – Grievance. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. 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: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Discussion: Discussion about Fire Department expenses.

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Fournier to allow any Board of Trustees Member who wants to attend the MTA Conference in January 2016, be allowed to attend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 9:45pm a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournieri. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk