

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

October 6, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a special session on Tuesday, October 6, 2014 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. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Twite added three items, under Correspondence – C) American Planning Association, place making, D) Army Corp, update, E) DNR, Recreation Grant History and under New Business - Department Reports – Water Dept. – a Resolution to accept the Dedication of the Townsend Dr. Water/Sewer Agreement. It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to adopt the agenda with noted changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Moment of Silence for Captain Robert Kaszubowski

Public Comment: South Bay Corridor update. Trustee Poli updated the Board about recent meetings. The group is looking for a planner to help with grant writing. They are also looking for \$25-40,000 for an engineering firm to help with Planning. Trustee Dunckel mentioned that an environmental impact study should be considered as part of the planning process.

A Grant Writing workshop is be offered at ACC for foundation and government grants.

Susan Skibbe extended invitations to all Board members to the upcoming Lighthouse transfer.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to approve the minutes from September 9, 2014 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to receive and file the following: Alpena Township- Financial Report – Huron Humane Society – Minutes – September 17, 2014, American Planning Association – Place Making, Army Corp - Update, DNR – Recreational Grant History. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: MTA upcoming trainings. October 14, 2014: Emerging Issues in Emergency Services training in Frankenmuth. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and seconded by Trustee Poli to allow anyone who wishes, be allowed to attend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Township Finances training, October 27 & 28 in Lansing. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow anyone who wishes, be allowed to attend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to Rezone 108 Walter Street from One Family Residential (R-1) to General Business (B-2). Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Supervisor Twite expressed a desire to start the process to pursue local Mechanical/Plumbing Inspectors. Board took no vote on the matter.

Supervisor Twite informed the Board of the need to advertise for bids for Snow Removal for the upcoming winter season. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to allow the Supervisor to advertise for bids for snow removal. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, and Twite. Nays: None.

Department Reports:

Building Permits - 23 Building permits were issued for September 2014, generating \$3556.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 109 permits generating \$119,355.25.

Electrical Permits – 10 Electrical permits were issued in September 2014 generating \$1812.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 87 permits generating \$17,239.00.

Fire Department: A request for Training Reimbursement was received from J. Reese. He attended EMT Basic training in Gaylord. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to reimburse J. Reese for his training cost. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Water Department: Received a request for Gerald Bleau to attend MRWA Training in Frankenmuth on November 6, 2014. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to allow Gerald Bleau to attend this training and for the Township to pay for training, room and travel. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Jerry Bleau informed the Board that he would like to extend an offer of full time employee to Nathan Skibbe for the open position with the Water Department. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to hire Nathan Skibbe. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to accept the Resolution to accept the dedication of the Townsend Dr. water and sewer lines. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Update from Water Department: Water towers have been inspected. Wayne Road project is moving forward.

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to affirm the termination of S. Muszynski. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 8:20pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk