

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

November 3, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 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: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Mischley to approve the minutes from October 6, 2014, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to receive and file the following: Alpena Township- Financial Report – Huron Humane Society – Minutes – October 21, 2014, and Clean Water Act Proposed Rule for Definition of Water. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Land Patent for Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Reservation. Supervisor Twite informed the Board that the Township had received the Land Patent for the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Reservation. Supervisor Twite said that this was the result of an 11 year effort. She wanted to thank Susan Skibbe for her efforts in this project. Trustee Dunckel wanted to acknowledge the efforts of Supervisor Twite in this effort.

New Business: Supervisor Twite asked the Board to approve the bid by Schwartz Excavating & Contracting for snow removal for the upcoming winter season. It is the same as last year with no changes. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to accept the bid by Schwartz Excavating & Contracting for snow removal for the 2014/2015 Winter Season. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Request for Funding: Supervisor Twite informed the Board of a request by the Recycling Center for \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve \$1,000.00 for the Recycling Center for start-up cost for engineering, provided all the other townships and the city also agree to contribute. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Board Appointment: Supervisor Twite noted that there is an opening on the Board of Review and Susan Skibbe has applied to fill the opening. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to appoint Susan Skibbe to the Board of Review. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Supervisor Twite informed the Board that Clerk Juergen Thusat is still listed as an Alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Susan Skibbe has expressed an interest in filling the position once it is vacant. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to remove T. Juergen Thusat as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to his new position as Township Clerk. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to appointed Susan Skibbe as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Department Reports: Assessing and Building reported were tabled until next month.

Fire Department: Update on 1998 Ambulance: Supervisor Twite informed the Board that the Township received \$8,025.00 from the insurance company.

New Hires: Supervisor Twite informed that Board of three potential new hires. All three are already trained. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Poli to hire L. Karenko, M. Hall and K. Ginter. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Request to Purchase: Two AED's need to be replaced at a cost of \$1500 each. The township has 4 but needs to have 6. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to purchase 2 AED's at a cost of 1500 apiece. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Request for Robert Kaszubowski's Gear: Bobbie Sue Kaszubowski approached the board with a request to have Robert's gear. She was informed that by law the Township could not give/donate his gear to her. A discussion about the value of the gear took place. It was determined that to replace the Jacket, which is what Bobbie really wanted, would cost \$1300.00. Through further discussion the Board determined that the value of the Jacket was \$500.00. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to allow Bobbi Sue Kaszubowski to purchase the jacket for \$500.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

DNR Request: The DNR station where we have a fire unit is in need of a new furnace. The DNR has requested \$1500.00 to help them purchase a new furnace. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to offer \$1500.00 to the DNR to help purchase a new furnace. Motion carried unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

Water Dept.: The Board was informed that the Wayne Road project is done. There were two water breaks recently.

Discussion: Trustee Dunckel gave an update on the South Bay Corridor. He said that the process is becoming more cooperative. There is possible involvement from the U of M School of Natural Resources. He believes things are moving in the right direction.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to pay the bills which will include the election workers. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. 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 Communication and Labor Negotiations – Healthcare/Wages. 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 Mischley 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 Poli to authorize Trustee Dunckel to fill out a form for U of M to select a student to be assigned to work on the South Bay Corridor Development Plan. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Mischley to limit per diem for South Bay Corridor meetings to one per person per month. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 8:45pm 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