

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

February 2, 2015

The Alpena Township, 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 Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Poli to adopt the agenda with the following addition: under Fire department add MFR training request for Matthew Hall. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Larry Clark, representing the South Bay Corridor group, asked the Board to authorize Supervisor Twite to sign the CFNEM grant application he presented the Board. The Board accepted the application and said it would review the application.

Property owners on Hamilton Rd approached the Board with complaints about the condition of the road. They felt that the Road Commission was neglecting their duty in maintaining the Road. These individuals were advised that the Township had no role in the maintenance of the Road but the Board would look into the matter at the budget meetings to be held later this month.

Public Hearing: Alpena Township Recreation Plan. The Board reviewed the Rec plan presented to the Board. Trustees Dunckel, Mischley and Poli all commented on the good job done putting the plan together. Trustee Mischley presented a correction to wording in the Plan. Trustee Poli made a motion supported by Trustee Dunckel, to adopt the plan with noted changes. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve the minutes from January 5, 2015, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement and Planning Commission – Minutes – January 12, 2015, Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce – Raising Funds for Welcome Signs, Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center – Economic Impact Report – 2014, Alpena County Road Commission – Road Report – November/December, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Alpena Township Flood Investigation Study – after discussion, it was decided to table this matter to a later date.

Trustee Dunckel made a motion supported by Trustee Mischley to authorize Supervisor Twite to sign the CFNEM Grant Application for the South Bay Corridor/Taking Pride in Alpena group. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business Request to sign: A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier, authorizing Supervisor Twite to sign the Renewal of Frontier Metro Act Telecommunications Right-of-Way permit. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Budget/Session Hearing Dates: After discussion it was determined that the Budget Session/Hearing date would be: February 11-13 from 9am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm each day.

Proclamation: Trustee Poli made a motion supported by Trustee Fournier to proclaim April 2015 Social Host Awareness Month. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Department Reports:

Building Permits - 8 Building permits were issued for December 2014, generating \$1437.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 137 permits generating \$125,311.25.

Electrical Permits – 9 Electrical permits were issued in December 2014 generating \$1374.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 115 permits generating \$21,003.00.

Fire Department: Training Request by J. Clements to attend Company Officers I & II training at CRTC. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve J. Clements training request and the \$ 577.04 costs associated with this training. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Training Request: M. Kindt would like to attend Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events training in Gaylord. This training is free but the request does include mileage reimbursement to attend. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve M. Kindt's request and pay mileage to and from the training. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Certification: The Board was made aware that Michael Kindt had received Fire Inspector certification.

The Board was made aware that J. Cieslack sent a letter of appreciation for the service received by the Townships First Responders on January 3, 2015.

Training Request: Matthew Hall would like to attend MFR classes in Alpena. The cost of these classes is \$500. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow Matthew Hall to attend these classes and approve the \$500 expense. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Water Department: Gerald Bleau informed the Board that there were two service line breaks in January. The insurance company will be paying for the pumps damages by a lightning strike back in October. The main meter on Lay Rd went down. It is being rebuilt.

New Purchase: The Water Department bought a 2006 Ford Super Duty Pick-up, which the Board had previously authorized, for \$6000.

With the upcoming Budget session, Gerald wanted to make the Board aware the Water Department has a need for another meter reader.

Discussion: Trustee Dunckel informed the Board of his trip to U of M for the South Bay Corridor project. There was some interest among the student in participating and we should know in the near future if we were chosen.

Trustee Mischley and Supervisor Twite reported back on their attendance at the MTA conference. Trustee Mischley spoke of changes to FOIA requirements, updates to the Open Meetings Act, and the need for the Township to have a Code of Ethics. Supervisor Twite said she brought back many fliers with info and they are available in her office, to any Board members who are interested.

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

Closed Session: A motion was made by Treasure Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Communication and Labor Negotiations – Healthcare/Wages. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to authorize the attorneys to hire expert witnesses. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 8:45pm a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk