

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

March 2, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, March 2, 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. 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 Minutes, add approval of Minutes from February 2, 2015, under Presentations, remove Alpena to Hillman Rails to Trails/Emily Meyerson, Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

Presentation: Sue Srebnik presented a video of the Alpena Township Fire Department.

Minutes: It was moved by Treasure Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the minutes from February 2, 2015, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement, Huron Humane Society – Minutes – February 17, 2015, City of Alpena – Letter of Appreciation, and PIE & G – Introduction and Changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Landfill Allocation: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to allocate money from the MOA Landfill Board to recycling when the money comes in. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Budget Hearing Date: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to set the Budget Hearing date as March 31, 2015 at 3:30pm and to cancel the April 6, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Place Making Training Workshop: A workshop will be held in Rogers City in April 20, 2015 from 1:30pm to 8:30pm at The Center. The cost is free. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to pay per diem and mileage to any Trustee who wishes to attend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Community Foundation Grant: Bill Johnson from Taking Pride in Alpena presented a request to apply for a grant from UPS. The Taking Pride in Alpena group would handle all the necessary paperwork to apply. The money received would come to the Township, for the township to

administer. The grant will be available in February 2016. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow Taking Pride in Alpena to apply for the Grant and for Alpena Township to administer the grant of it is awarded .to the group. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

#### Department Reports:

Fire Department: Request to attend Ice Rescue Class. The Firefighters would like to have 4 firefighter attend an Ice Rescue Class at the base, There is no cost for the class. A motion was made by Treasure Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to all 4 firefighters to attend the Ice Rescue Class at the Air Base. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

#### Discussion:

Trustee Mischley asked Supervisor Twite about revenue sharing. He wanted to know where things were at. Supervisor Twite informed him that it didn't look promising because of State Budget cuts.

Larry Clark from Taking Pride in Alpena gave a quick update about their recent activities. They did not receive approval of the efforts from U of M. He also talked about a plan to raise \$30,000.

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: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond 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: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. 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: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to ratify the proposed settlement with the Steelworker Local 211. The settlement is to give \$200 to each union employee, as an offset for their deductible. Per our "me too" agreement this \$200 will also be granted to the Firefighters in Local 1859. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 815pm 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