

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

May 4, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Poli, Fournier and Dunckel. Absent: Treasurer Diamond and Trustee Mischley. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Emily Meyerson addressed the Board with a request that Alpena Township pledge \$20,000 to go to grants for the trails for Phase 1. Supervisor Twite pointed out that this was already in the budget for 2015-16. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier that the Board designate \$20,000 for Phase 1 on the Rails-to-Trails project. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Bob Young Addressed the Board about the South Bay Corridor Fundraiser. Supervisor Twite questioned the Township's role in fundraising for this group. It was suggested that maybe the Community Foundation might be a better fit for them.

Patrick Czajka and Patrick Guinn raised concerns about the condition of Monaghan Point Rd.

Minutes: Minutes for March 31 & April 13, 2015 – Tabled until next meeting.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement and Planning Commission – Minutes – April 13, 2015, Alpena County Road Commissioners – Road Report/Minutes, HUNT – 2014 Annual Report, Alpena Area Wide Clean-up Day- May 16, 2015, and Huron Humane Society – Minutes – April 21. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Alpena County Treasurer's Office- Foreclosed Properties (2012 Taxes) – A discussion was held about the available properties, It was decided that no action would be taken.

Alpena County Equalization Dept. – Agreement - \$100 yearly fee to maintain the County Shape-file. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow the Supervisor to sign the agreement and appoint Kris Lewis, Township Assessor, as the contact person. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

MTA – On the Road – 2015 Regional Meeting – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow any Board member, who wants to attend, attend the MTA meeting in Lewiston on May 13, 2015. The Township will pay the cost, per diem and mileage for those who choose to attend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

FOIA Procedures and Guideline – New law goes into effect July 1, 2015. Supervisor Twite wants to know how to proceed. After discussion it was decided that Supervisor Twite would bring back the Township's procedure for the Board's approval next month.

Alpena County Road Commission – Local Road Improvement Proposals – There was a discussion about the options available to improve Monahan Point Road. Larry Orcutt explained the Road Commission's role in maintaining and fixing roads. He pointed out that there was not enough funding to keep up with the current needs. He added that Special Assessments might be a better avenue to pursue to get specific roads fixed. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Taking Pride in Alpena – Meijer/Youth & Recreation Grant Application Approvals - After discussion it was decided that it would be better for the Group to use the Community Foundation for applying for these grants because the Township would be competing with itself for these grants. An update was given on the fundraising efforts. They have currently raised \$5000.00 of the \$30,000.00 goal.

#### Department Reports:

Building Permits - 10 Building permits were issued for March 2015, generating \$7,214.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 18 permits generating \$9,448.00.

Electrical Permits – 8 Electrical permits were issued in March 2015 generating \$ 1,110.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 23 permits generating \$3,931.00.

#### Fire Department:

New Hire – Supervisor Twite would like to proceed with the Hire of D. Robinette. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow Supervisor Twite to proceed with the process to hire D. Robinette. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Fireworks Class – A request was submitted by M. Kindt for mileage reimbursement for travel to a Fireworks Training Class. There was no cost for the class. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to pay M. Kindt mileage for travel to the class. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Thusat. Nays: None.

Promotions: Gerald Bleau, Nathan Skibbe and Shane Dawson passed testing to be firefighter I & II.

Water Department:

Update – The Blueprints for the Department are now on discs. Instead of costing \$3,000.00 it only cost \$1,000.00.

Meter Reader – DPW has posted for a new meter reader. If no union member seeks the position, MR Bleau would like to proceed and hire an individual that he and Supervisor Twite have interviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the process and allow them to hire the applicant. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Promotion - G. Bleau would like permission to promote Nathan Skibbe from Assistant Laborer to Laborer. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to promote Nathan Skibbe to Laborer, effective the next pay period. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Discussion: None

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli to pay the bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, 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 Labor Negotiations – Healthcare/Wages. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. 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 and Thusat. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to recommend that the Township bring in Franklin Benefit Solutions to discuss their recommended plan with the union members. Motion carried by unanimous roll vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

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

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat  
Alpena Township Clerk