

Alpena County Chapter – MTA
February 15, 2010
Quarterly Meeting

The Alpena County Chapter – MTA meeting held at Sanborn Township Hall was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chapter President Ken Lobert, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Townships: Alpena, Green, Long Rapids, Maple Ridge, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington and Wilson.

Members Present: 32 Commissioners Present: none

Minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting were read. President Ken Lobert declared Minutes stand as approved. Motion by Marie Twite, 2nd by Linda VanDusen to accept minutes with typographical errors being corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report presented by Stan Mischley. Motioned by Marie Twite, 2nd by Lou Baker to accept report; motion carried. Motion by Dennis Liske, 2nd by Linda VanDusen to pay bill for meeting notice stamps. Motion carried. Motion by Linda VanDusen, 2nd by Marie Twite to eliminate Money Market Fund; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Road Commission: Speaker, Larry Orcutt reported a light winter for plowing, and lots of tree cutting. Misery Bay Rd – culvert installed; N Leer Rd is a stimulus funded project; approved 1 ½ mile Scott Rd in Ossineke Twp for reconstruction; received safety grant for Long Rapids Rd to replace box culvert; asked for support of \$.04 gallon gas tax; and approved a \$100K match for road funds to townships.

County Board of Commissioners: No report, as commissioners absent.

911 Committee: Speaker Mike Szor gave a lengthy report with plenty of questions and answers. The committee is working on consolidation program and still waiting for a report delayed 2 months. Needs CAD/radio system so new savings account has been started, and is hoping to share with Alcona who already has theirs, depending on consolidation approval. Looking for younger recruits, and has asked Alpena News to run an article.

MTA: Ken Gauthier presented update. 1190 attendees present for State Convention, which had a different format, including opening ceremonies and elimination of head table at banquet to allow for more of a networking dinner. Next Convention will be in Grand Rapids again.

Presentations & Speakers:

Deb Pardyke, Executive Director of Alpena Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, made a presentation on the “Alpena Pure Michigan Campaign” with Tim Allen’s commercials. These will continue again this year, expanding to Cheboygan, totaling 2 campaigns.

Ken Lobert spoke on behalf of Target Alpena, stating it’s up to local communities and townships to get Alpena on track, that the Federal and State governments aren’t going to do it. Marie Twite offered her past work on brownfield sites to other townships, if interested.

Transfer Station & Recycling brought to discussion a possible millage election of 2/10 mil for \$180,000 to fund the program. Further discussion will be on Monday 2-22-10 at the Supervisor’s meeting.

Guests, Ron Meneghel spoke on behalf of Andy Neuman, and Brian Burns discussed the upcoming PIE&G meeting. Pat Pokorski introduced himself and his candidacy for the 106th State House of Representative.

Election of Officers:

- Ken Lobert Chairperson (Motion by Marie Twite, 2nd by Linda VanDusen. Motion carried.)
- Stan Mischley Vice-Chair/Treasurer (Motion by Lou Baker, 2nd by Wayne Liske. Motion carried.)
- Lisa Timm Secretary (Motion by John Male, 2nd by Marie Twite. Motion carried.)

A unanimous ballot was cast to keep the same slate.

By-Law Change: Section IV, A. to read: “The following officers shall be elected for a two year term at the annual meeting in February, and they shall assume office at the April meeting the Association.” Motioned by Marie Twite, 2nd by Dennis Liske, motion carried. **Section IV, C. to read:** “Elected officials may serve in the same capacity for three (3) consecutive terms. A period of one (1) year shall elapse before an officer may be eligible to serve again in the same official capacity.” Motioned by Marie Twite, 2nd by Lou Baker, motion carried with Dennis Liske descending.

This year’s meeting dates:

- 04-19-10 Wilson Twp.
- 06-21-10 Green Twp.
- 10-18-10 Wellington Twp.
- 02-21-10 Ossineke Twp.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm, motioned by Lou Baker, 2nd by Dennis Liske, motion carried.

Lisa Timm, Secretary, MTA Alpena County Chapter.
Minutes may be viewed at www.alpenatownship.com