

Alpena County Chapter – MTA

February 16, 2009

Quarterly Meeting

The Alpena County Chapter-MTA meeting held at the Ossineke Township Hall was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by MTA Director Ken Gauthier, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Stan Mischley, nominating chairperson for the Chapter, announced the nominees:

Ken Lobert	President
Stan Mischley	Vice President
Lisa Timm	Secretary/Treasurer

Motioned by Lou Baker, 2nd by Dennis Liske, to close the nominations. Motion carried. Upon acceptance of nominations by nominees, motioned by Marie Twite, 2nd by Gary Schulke, to cast unanimous acceptance of nominees to selected positions.

Not having an agenda, usual format was deviated to allow **Speaker, Lee Shirey, Target Alpena** to give an update (so that he could make a previously scheduled appointment). Handout was provided of Target's Capital Improvement plans for 2009, and its committee appointments and updates. Discussed: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Public Deep Water Port Authority, Venture Capital Fund, Expansion of Fiber Optic Network for Alpena County, Target's Loan Program, Regional Incubator System, and Water & Air Ports of Entry Development. Alpena County's Economic Profile booklet was provided for Townships to proof their township summaries prior to final print. Two (2) seats are available for township members on the Target Alpena board.

Returning to normal format in lieu of agenda, **Roll Call of Townships:** Alpena, Green (late), Long Rapids, Maple Ridge, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington and Wilson.

Members Present: 20

Commissioners Present: Cam Habermehl

Minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting were presented. Motion by Lou Baker, 2nd by Marie Twite to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer report presented by Stan Mischley. Total balance on hand as of Feb. 16, 2009 is \$2,038.35. Dennis Liske stated the \$500 disbursement was to Ossineke Township, not himself. Motion by Howard Lumsden, 2nd by Ken Gauthier to accept Balance as reported. Mention made of Disbursement Total error, should read \$527.50; not \$527.00. This did not affect total balance. Correction made. Motion carried.

Bills presented for payment: \$26.88 for meeting notices. Motion by Wayne Liske, 2nd by Lou Baker to pay said bill. Motion carried.

Road Commission: Bill Domke reported miscellaneous repairs, upgrades and general winter maintenance was done November '08 through January '09. Trees trimmed, signage replaced, and bids taken for chloride and asphalt.

County Board Commission: Cam Habermehl, regarding elimination possibility of Revenue Sharing, and also non-mandated cuts, as to what counties should be looking for as possible cuts. Alpena County is cut by \$718,000.

MTA: Ken Gauthier. 1300-1400 were present at MTA Conference, with 75 workshops. New MTA Website Design now has Community Connection, which replaces the list serve. TGA Scholarships, \$1000 still available, and several upcoming MTA education opportunities. Colleen Schwartz, new MTA President. PA 352, extends tax payments. HB 4090 died (would have allowed early voting). Michigan is featured state for NATaT Conference, and Ken's looking for planning assistance from Townships.

Speaker, Larry Orcutt, Alp Co Road Commission gave history of commission, funding vs. MDOT and price increases. Discussion, Dust Control Project changes, matching funds, and future billing of townships for materials. Townships to decide whether they want chloride vs. brine. Labor, equipment and shaping of roads at Road Commission expense; has a \$100K to match townships for road improvements, based on mileage and population. He is expecting \$330K Stimulus for 1.5 miles road improvements, mostly allocated to north end Leer Rd. A map was provided for Townships' reviews, for crediting roads to matching funds.

Stan Mischley read duties of 1st Vice President, allowing president to appoint Treasury Duties. Motion by Marie Twite, 2nd by Lou Baker for appointment of Stan Mischley as Treasurer in addition to Vice President, and to pay bills. Motion carried.

Marie Twite, Clean Up Day, May 16th, 2009. Report distributed for funds needed. All townships agreed to continue program and pay accordingly, checks payable to Alpena Co. Supervisors Association, instead of MSU Extension.

Ken Lobert asked floor for comments/suggestions for Township programs, to keep townships active, thus averting Bill 4780. Ken Lobert encouraged Township Boards to offer suggestions for program speakers at quarterly meetings. Suggestions: Steve Lappan for Risk Management, the Fire Cadet Program (Twite), rotating members to attend various meetings & MTA update on legislature (Lobert), and a Bike Path extension program (Dunkel).

Motion by Marie Twite, 2nd by Stan Mischley to send Bart Stupak thank-you letter for supporting legislature on Satellite carriers of local channels. Motion carried.

Further updates: 2/23/09 Intergovernmental Communications Committee meeting; Ken Gauthier seated on MTA Committees: Finance, Elections & Tax Administration. 911 Committee has township member seat open. Motion by Lisa Timm, 2nd by John Male for

Stan Mischley to temporarily replace Arnie Domke for 911 Committee seat. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Dates:

Alpena Township	April 20, 2009
Long Rapids Township	June 15, 2009
Maple Ridge Township	October 19, 2009
Sanborn Township	February 15, 2009

Motion by Jerry Mellen, 2nd by Gary Schuelke to adjourn 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes may be viewed at www.alpenatownship.com

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Timm, Secretary
MTA Alpena County Chapter