Alpena County Chapter Meeting

Alpena Township

April 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7pm and we said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of all the townships was taken with the following townships present:Long Rapids, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington, Alpena, Green, Maple Ridge and Wilson.

Motion made byLynda Vandusen and seconded by Wayne to approve the February 18, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:Stan Mischley reviewed the financial report showing we have a balance of $1,779.80. Ken Gauthier made a motion to accept the financial report with Wayne second. Lynda Vandusen made a motion to pay the meeting notices for this meeting with Ken Gauthier second. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Road Commission: Larry Orcuttupdated us on road projects. Bids were open in Lansing last week for the Long Rapids Road $593k project. Bolen out of East Tawas won the bid. A 1-1 ½ " overlay will be put on 4 ½ miles of Long Rapids Road and hopefully it will buy us 10 years. July 1, 2013 is the completion date for this project. Larry explained that the 2014 Spruce Road project may need to be done this year (at least bid on it) so not to lose $550k in funds with all the MDOT changes coming. Seal coating from Cathro (Lacomb) to Bolton and Daggett to Long Rapids will be done. Dust control agreements were sent to townships. Chloride and brine prices didn't change luckily. The road commission is applying for federal bridge funds for Bagley which is estimated at 3 ½ to 5 million cost. Larry stated he is trying to get money to fix the Ossineke bridge over Devil's River before we have to close it (been trying since 1993). We are reapplying for safety funds such as simple guard rail replacements. The stream crossing project on Hawkins Road has been confirmed and the road commission is working with Fish and Wildlife on some other projects. Truck replacements are falling short. The road commission is going to replace one of their tandem trucks this year.

County Commissioners: Eric Lawson is newly elected to district 8.

911 County Dispatch: Stan stated they will be meeting this Wednesday so he will report at the June meeting.

MTA: Ken Gauthier encouraged everyone to visit the MTA website's new online directory where you can search by name and title. Ken mentioned the professional development retreats at Mission point coming up on May 14 and 15th. In June there will be road regional meetings. The top issues for townships are transportation and personal property tax implementation. Ken mentioned there is a new right to work contact for employees to call at (313) 456-0578. Ken stated on 5/2/13 it is the MTA

legislative day and there is a bus from the UP going to the legislative offices and MTA pays for everything but the meals. Ken encouraged everyone to go if they can. MTA will probably quit paying if we don't continue to have good attendance at these types of meetings.

Target: No one here from Target.

Trooper Jamie Bullis and Marshall the canine dog gave a wonderful demonstration of how specially trained dogs are used to help fight crime.

Brian Burns from PIEG&G gave a power point presentation on the history of PIE&G. He explained how PIE&G is owned by members/customers and is not for profit, locally operated, member controlled and democratically governed.

Tom Pelkey of Resource Recovery gave an update on 2012 operations of the center. He reminded everyone 5/18/13 is the annual clean up day from 8am until 1pm. If you have time to volunteer they would appreciate it.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday,June 17, 2013. Long Rapids will host a picnic starting at 6pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to pass and spouses are welcome to attend the picnic.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Johnson, Treasurer

Long Rapids Township