

**Alpena County Chapter - MTA**  
**April 18, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Alpena County Chapter - MTA meeting was held at Alpena Township Hall. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chapter President Ken Lobert and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Townships:** Alpena, Green, Long Rapids, Maple Ridge, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington and Wilson.

**Members Present:** 22

**Guests present:** Larry Orcutt, Road Commission Manager

**Minutes** of the February 21, 2011 meeting were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's report** was presented by Stan Mischley. The balance is currently \$1,611.65. Moved by Dick King and supported by Wayne Liske to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on MTA money being deposited in the money-market versus preferred shares. Stan will investigate and report back in June.

Stan did not receive a bill from MSU for the mailing yet. Moved by Marie Twite and supported by Ken Gauthier to pay the MSU for postage costs when it arrives. Motion carried.

**Dues.** Stan Mischley announced that MTA dues are now due from the townships. It was requested that he mail bills to all townships for their dues.

**Committee Reports:**

**Road Commission** - Larry Orcutt, Road Commission Manager, reported on their projects for the summer. They utilized temporary employees for winter plowing on a part-time basis. They have 26 employees now. They are repairing boil spots on roads and hopefully in the next week, road restrictions will come off. They are using heat asphalt and cap to reduce cost in place of new asphalt. Roads projects/culverts/seal coating on primary roads Questions were asked about road signs and how they are replaced. Larry explained signs that are damaged or lost are replaced first and then section by section after that. Currently he choose Long Rapids Road out to M-65 in Long Rapids to replace signs.

**County Commissioners** - No commissioners were present.

**911 Central Dispatch** - A letter was received requesting an appointment from the MTA on the 911 Central Dispatch Committee. Moved by Matt Dunckel and supported by Edie Abbott to reappoint Stan Mischley to the Alpena County Central Dispatch Committee. Motion carried.

Questions were also asked about Reverse 911. Stan Mischley will ask the Central Dispatch Committee and report back. Emergency sirens were also discussed.

**MTA** - Ken Gauthier reported on conferences in Lansing and Grand Rapids. He reported on classes that will be offered on Planning and Zoning on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He reported on the Governor's plan to eliminate statutory revenue sharing, projected sales tax increases, Public Act 312 - binding arbitration for police/fire and the closing of three State Police posts. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, MTA Spring Conference will be held in Lewiston. On April 27, MTA Director's will meet with the Governor. Ken reported that he had been appointed to several committees. There will be a new township officials directory out soon. He also reported on the MTA Summer Legislative Conference to be held August 3-5, 2011 at the Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Michigan.

**TARGET** - Marie Twite reported on Target and that they are looking at merging with the Chamber of Commerce. Alpena Township took action not to fund either Target or the Chamber of Commerce.

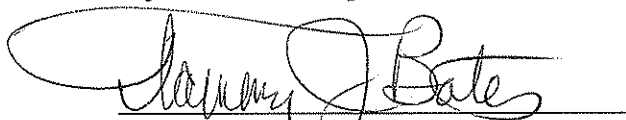
**Recycling** - Bill Domke and Marie Twite reported on recycling. They have extended the employee contracts three months. Everything is going well. Ken Lobert reported that the Clean-up day will be held on the third Saturday in May - May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Marie Twite will coordinate with Howard Lumsden about food and tire disposal. Marie will advertise the event. Bill will check with the County and Don's Ford Tractor for equipment to use for the county wide cleanup. A list of the persons opting out of recycling will be used for the cleanup day.

**Public Safety Committee** - Marie Twite reported that she is going to work with the Sheriff's Department on neighborhood watch programs.

**Other Information** - Stan Mischley read a portion of minutes from 1991 when the Alpena County MTA Chapter was started. He announced that there was a special cake afterwards to celebrate twenty years.

**Next meeting** - The next MTA meeting will be held at Long Rapids Township Hall on June 20, 2011.

Moved by John Male and supported by Lou Baker to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

  
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Tammy Bates, Acting Secretary  
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