

**Alpena County Chapter - MTA**  
**April 19, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Alpena County Chapter - MTA meeting was held at Wilson 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:** 25

**Guests present:** Cam Habermehl, County Commissioner  
Karen Petallia representing Peter Petallia, Political Candidate  
Brian Burns, CEO of PIE&G  
Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski  
Larry Orcutt, Road Commission Manager

**Minutes** of the February 15, 2010 meeting were read. Moved by Dick King and supported by Wayne Liske to approve the minutes of February 15, 2010 with the correction under this year's meeting dates to say 02-21-11 Ossineke Township. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report** was presented by Stan Mischley. There were no transactions and the balance is \$1,548.45. Moved by Lynda VanDusen and supported by Howard Lumsden to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

A bill was presented for MSU mailing in the amount of \$29.24. Moved by Lynda VanDusen and supported by Matt Dunckel to pay the MSU bill in the amount of \$29.24. Motion carried.

**Dues.** Stan Mischley announced that he was distributing bills to all townships for their dues. Ken Lobert reported that there is four townships that participate in NATaT: Sanborn, Ossineke, Long Rapids, and Alpena. These townships would pay \$125 for NATaT plus \$25 for the MTA dues for a total of \$150.00. Other township dues are \$25.

**Committee Reports:**

**Road Commission** - Larry Orcutt, Road Commission Manager, reported on their projects for the summer: Leer Road, Misery Bay, Hubbard Lake east, Indian Reserve Road, and French Road. They will be meeting with each township on their road projects. Other items they have been working on are replacing culverts, spring cleanup, gravel and dust control.

**County Commissioners** - Cam Habermehl, County Commissioner, reported that the County may have to reduce funding for first responder medical runs. The County has property in Hubbard Lake which is up for sale. The Airport property has been rezoned for the Renaissance Zone. He reported that money has been secured for the landfill gasification project.

**911 Central Dispatch** - Stan Mischley reported that there has been no meetings held for the 911 Central Dispatch Committee.

**MTA** - Ken Gauthier reported on MTA info concerning the state budget and reductions, PILT money, Board of Review timeline, House term limits, and MTA mailings will be electronically only. Other items from NATAT include the Senate mandatory collective bargaining bill, Ken Gauthier and Ken Lobert will be attending a meeting this week. He reported that the MTA Regional Meeting would be held on May 14 in Alpena.

**PIE&G** - Brian Burns from Presque Isle Electric & Gas reported on legislation impacting PIE&G and us: Public Act 295 of 2008 - Energy Efficiency Mandates, Renewable Portfolio Supply (10% by 2015), Our Energy, Our Future, Electric rates. He also reported on installing motion sensors.

**Candidates** - Karen Petallia announced that her husband Peter Petallia will be running for the 106<sup>th</sup> District and that he will attend the June meeting to speak.

**Sheriff's Department** - Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski reported on the secondary road patrol budget. The State has proposed using secondary road patrol money to fund the state police in an effort to save 20-25 troopers. If the money is used for this, Sheriffs will have to lay off 40-50 deputies. He reported that he does not have 24 hour road patrol. The biggest role his department plays by law is the courts: District, Family Division, and Circuit Court. He does have a take care home policy so that a deputy can respond on off hours if needed.

**Recycling** - Howard Lumsden reported on recycling issues and that expenses are holding good at the landfill. There is a \$13,000 grant for Community Corrections to use toward personnel costs for supervising prisoners to help with the recycling program. The Supervisors met with City representatives and need to find a way to fund recycling next year as the Landfill Board has turned recycling down. A charge per household was discussed for \$6.00 - \$8.00 which would require 1/10th - 2/10th of a mill. This is too late for the August millage but could put on November ballot. Costs go on for 30-50 years after a cell is closed. We are two years from gasification at the landfill. The transfer station would not continue either if we did not fund recycling. This may also affect the county wide cleanup. This year's County wide-cleanup is scheduled for May 15, 2010.

**Next meeting** - The next MTA meeting will be held at Green Township Hall on June 21. The meal will be at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will follow. The next meeting Lee Shirey will be speaking.

**NATaT** - Ken Lobert reported on who attended the NATaT for the preceding years: 2006 - Sanborn and Ossineke together, 2007 - Long Rapids, 2008 - Ossineke, 2009 - Sanborn, and 2010 - Alpena (need to confirm at the next meeting). NATaT conference will be held September 15-17, 2010.

Moved by Howard Lumsden and supported by Dennis Liske to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Tammy Bates, Acting Secretary  
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