

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 12, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.
MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in Regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, MI 49707.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe
Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers
Clerk Michele P. Palevich
Trustee Norm Poli
Trustee Cash Kroll
Trustee Steve Lappan

Absent: Trustee Matt Dunckel

Others present: Attorney Tim Gulden

Supervisor Skibbe called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called; the following board members were present: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele P. Palevich, Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. Absent: Trustee Matt Dunckel.

AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve the agenda as presented with the following change move FOPLC – Contract to closed session. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele P. Palevich, Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Norm Poli and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marie Twite, Truckey Rd, Alpena, MI requested clarification regarding what FOPLC Contract referred to, Employee Acquisition and more details on minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence includes: Township – Planning Commission – Minutes – 02-11-19, Zoning Board of Appeals – Minutes 02-19-19 and DTE Public Hearing Notice. Motion made by Trustee Cash Kroll and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to receive and file. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

DPW -PERSONNEL ISSUE

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe recommended termination of employee Chad Wright due to tardiness, absenteeism, dereliction of duty and insubordination. Mr. Wright was not in attendance and DPW Director Nate Thomson was absent due to a sewer backup emergency. Motion was made by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to terminate Chad Wright effective March 12, 2019. Roll Call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele P. Palevich and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – LOCAL 1859

Motion made by Trustee Norm Poli and supported Trustee Cash Kroll to go into closed session for contract negotiations – Local 1859. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele P. Palevich, Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Returned to Open Session 12:59 p.m.

DPW - RFP

Motion made by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers to accept DPW Director's recommendation to proceed with a RFP to obtain proposals for an S2 operator for 24 hours a week to meet DEQ requirements by May 1, 2019. Roll Call Vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele P. Palevich, Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW PERSONNEL ISSUE

Chad Wright, DPW employee, had requested open session before the Board arrived at 12:00 p.m. and commented on his termination to the Board. DPW Director Nate Thomson commented on Mr. Wright's tardiness and insubordination.

EMPLOYEE AQUISITION

DPW Director Nate Thomson requested permission to move forward in the hiring process of 2 new DPW employees. He recommends Robert Lutey and Nathan Lytle. Motion made by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to proceed in the hiring of Robert Lutey and Nathan Lytle. Roll Call Vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele P. Palevich, Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan adjourn. Voice Vote.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Clerk Michele Palevich

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe