

Workshop/Special Meeting

July 21, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a special session on Monday July 21, 2014 at 3:00pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Dunckle, Poli, Fournier, and Mischley. Absent: Treasurer Diamond. Attorney James Florip was also present. The purpose of this meeting was to have an educational workshop about Corridor Improvement Authorities.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Trustee Poli and seconded by Trustee Fournier to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Dunckel to receive and file the following: Alpena Township Planning Commission – Minutes- July, 2014, and Alpena County Road Commission- Pearl Rd project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business: Received notice from Erica Dean that she will be retiring effective September 12, 2014. She has been employed by the Township for 28 years. Motion made by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Dunckel to accept Ms. Dean's retirement and send a letter to Erica. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Letter of Resignation: Ann Rich who serves on the Alpena Township Board of Review has submitted a letter of resignation. Motion made by Trustee Mischley and seconded by Trustee Fournier to accept her resignation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Request to advertise for open positions: With Erica Dean's pending retirement and Ann Rich's resignation, Supervisor Twite requested that she be allowed to advertise for the each position. Supervisor Twite informed the Board that Howard Lumsden has expressed interest in the Assessor position and that he has the MCAO certification needed. The Board decided that there was still a need to advertise for the position. Motion made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Mischley to advertise to the two positions. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, and Fournier. Nays: None.

U.P. Summit: MTA is holding a Summit in Marquette, MI, Aug 27-28. Trustee Poli has express interest in attending. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Fournier for the Township to pay for the summit and Hotel/travel for Norm Poli to attend. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, and Twite. Nays: None.

Request to sign: Supervisor Twite presented the Board with the Alpena County 201 Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked that the Board adopted the plan. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Poli to adopt the Alpena County 2014 Hazard Mitigation

Plan. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, and Mischley. Nays: None.

Fire Dept. New Hire: J. Bleau has submitted an application to be an on-call firefighter. Discussion was held about any conflict with his current position and any health related concerns. Having Jerry on staff will benefit the Fire Dept. because of his awareness of the water lines capabilities. A Motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Poli to approve the new hire. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, and Thusat. Nays: None.

Ladder Truck: The truck is up and running

Educational Workshop: Corridor Improvement Authority Act – Info was provided about the actual act. Some examples were provided as to how these have worked in the past. Trustee Dunckel pointed out that the amount of money raised from TIF in this case would be rather small so is the effort worth it? There was general agreement that the goal to improve property values and economic development in the corridor is a worthwhile goal but is there a better way to achieve it. Clerk Thusat asked if maybe the business owners in the corridor could form their own Association and charge membership fees to belong as a way to fund their ideas. Trustee Poli asked about the availability of Grants for blight issues from the State. Generally the members of the board likes a lot of the ideas and applauded the efforts made so far but the major concerns about approving a Corridor Improvement Authority came down to, where will the money come from for the Authority and should the Township be willing to cede any control to the Authority. The Board members agree to keep the dialog going with all involved and will schedule another meeting with them.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and seconded by Trustee Fournier to go into a closed session per Employee request. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Open Session: A Motion to move into open session was made by Trustee Fournier and seconded by Trustee Poli. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Thusat, Dunckel, and Poli. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 4:40pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dunckel and Seconded by Trustee Fournier, Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Alpena Township Clerk