

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

September 8, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Treasurer Diamond, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Poli, Fournier & Mischley. Absent: Trustee Dunckel (Trustee Dunckel arrived later). Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Under Minutes: add correction to May 4, 2015 minutes. Under Old Business added C) Rockport Lease, under New Business add 3) Fire Prevention and 4) PIE&G Natural Gas, and Discussion add Stamas correspondence. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Tabled approval of August 3, 2015 minutes. A motion was made by Clerk Thusat to correct the minutes from May 4, 2015. Add under New Business a motion by Trustee Dunckel supported by Trustee Poli, a Resolution setting Water/Sewer rates. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. Absent: Diamond and Mischley, Motion was supported by Trustee Fournier. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Poli to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement and Planning Commission – Minutes – August 10, 2015, Alpena County Road Commission – Road Report, and Alpena County Intergovernmental Road Committee – Minutes – August 6, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Request for Funding Reimbursement – Taking Pride in Alpena – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Poli to request that the \$3000 the Township gave to Taking Pride in Alpena, for the Grant that was denied, be returned to Alpena Township, with the knowledge that the \$3000 will be available for future grants for Taking Pride in Alpena. Motion carried by 5 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: Fournier. Absent: Dunckel.

Monaghan Point Road – Project Cost Increase – A Motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley to increase that cost from 12,000 to 12,500. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Poli. Nays: None. Absent: Dunckel.

Rockport Lease Agreement – Supervisor Twite would like the Boards approval to terminate the lease agreement for Rockport Park. This was at the request of the DNR. A motion was made

by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Poli to terminate the lease agreement with the DNR for Rockport Park. Motion carried by 5 to 1 voice vote.

(Trustee Dunckel arrives)

New Business: Thunder Bay Folk Society – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve the Thunder Bay Folk Society application for 501c. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Department Reports:

Building Permits (July) – 12 Building permits were issued for July 2015, generating \$1,893.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 78 permits generating \$23,314.00.

Electrical Permits (July) – 10 Electrical permits were issued in July 2015 generating \$ 1,397.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 69 permits generating \$9,830.00.

Building Permits (August) - 10 Building permits were issued for August 2015, generating \$2,835.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 88 permits generating \$26,149.00.

Electrical Permits (August) – 9 Electrical permits were issued in August 2015 generating \$ 1,165.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 78 permits generating \$10,995.00.

Fire Department:

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant – This Grant was approved and the Township was awarded \$48,872.10 to purchase fire gear per grant specifications. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to purchase 6 MSA/SCBA Air Packs from Apollo, 2 Infrared Cameras and use the rest of the money to purchase items within the scope of the grant. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

New Hires: Supervisor Twite would like permission to process 3 new hires. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli for Supervisor Twite to process and Hire A. Bruski, J. Ordway and G. Hare. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

MFR County Funding – Supervisor Twite informed the Board that the County MFR funding has been reduced from \$50 to \$25 per run.

It was decided to have a Special Meeting, to be held on September 21, 2015, at 3:30pm in the Boardroom to discuss Fire Department Funding Options and Truck repair.

Water Department:

Request to attend – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the following request to attend and pay mileage/lodging. Gerald Bleau to attend Water Cert Review course in Novi on October 21-22, 2015, Scott Stoppa to attend CEC training in

Grand Rapids on October, 14-15, 2015, and Gerald Bleau, Scott Stoppa and Nate Skibbe to attend testing in Gaylord on November 1, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Fire Prevention – Fire Prevention Week is October 4 thru 10, 2015. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to approve funding for open houses on October 3, 2015 at both the North and South Fire Station. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

PIE&G – Request for support. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to pass a Resolution in Support of Expansion of Natural Gas Service to Rural Michigan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Discussion:

Trustee Poli updated the Board about his correspondence with Rep. Stamas' office.

Larry Clark updated the Board about the activities and plans that Taking Pride in Alpena are doing.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Mischley to pay the bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Communication and Local 211 – Grievance. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to deny the grievance by Local 211. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 8:55pm a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Poli. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk