

## Budget Session

February 11, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a special session on Wednesday February 11, 2015, at 9:00AM at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. The Purpose of the special session was to work on the proposed budgets for the General Fund and the Department of Public Works for 2015-16, Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Treasurer Diamond, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Poli, Fournier and Mischley. Trustee Dunckel was absent.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: approval of the minutes February 2, 2015, tabled until next meeting to allow Board members time to review them.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to receive and file the following: Alpena Township – Building Permits Report – January, 2014, and Electrical Permits Report – January 2015, and Humane Society – Minutes – January 27, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Army Corp of Engineers. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli, Authorizing Supervisor Twite to work with the Army Corp of Engineers on the Flood Investigation Study for Alpena Township, as long as there are no costs to the Township. If there are costs the Supervisor will bring those to the Board. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Treasurer Diamond, to accept the proposed Alpena Township Planning Commission Bylaws, with no changes and pass a Resolution to exempt the Alpena Township Planning Commission from preparing a Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Absent: Dunckel.

Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasurer Diamond to accept the Resignation of David Dekett, from the Alpena Township Planning Commission. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to allow the Supervisor to fill the newly open position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Larry Clark approached the Board about ordinance enforcement. He would like to see the Township address blight with a gentle approach. He offered a proposed letter as an example.

Board recessed at Noon.

Board reconvened at 1:00pm.

Hamilton Road: Marie will continue to work with The County Road Commission to fill holes in the road.

Maple Dr.: Supervisor Twite will ask the Road Commission to seal coat the road.

Board reviewed and recommended budget items on Budget Worksheet, starting on page 1, line 101-000-694.00 thru page 5, line 101-330-969.00.

Recess: The Board recessed at 4:00PM and agreed to reconvene at 9:00am February 12, 2015.

### **Budget Session: Day 2**

Board Reconvened on 02/12/2015 at 9:00am. Members present: Twite, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Mischley.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli to authorize Supervisor Twite to sign a Professional Services Agreement and pay up to \$10,000, for expert legal witnesses. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier.

Fred Sterns addressed the Board about concerns about Hamilton Rd.

Gerald Bleau, head of the Water Department addressed the Board about the Water Department's needs for the upcoming year.

The Board approved the following purchases for the next fiscal year for the DPW: 1 Lawn mower - \$4500, 1 Gas Detector \$1000, 1 Leak Detector \$1700, and 2 Metal Detectors \$1600. (\$800 apiece).

Mr. Bleau also said that he would like to explore hiring one additional full-time employee. This new hire would help with meter reads and general maintenance around the shop and with vehicles. The Board was agreed on the need and would budget for this but no hire could be made until Mr. Bleau came back to the board with an actual candidate.

The Board reviewed and recommended budget items on Budget Worksheet, starting on page 10 line 592-000-600 thru page 14, line 592-100-854.

The Board recessed for lunch at noon.

The Board reconvened at 1:00pm. All members present.

The Board was approached by members from the Alpena Township Fire Department about needs for the upcoming year. They presented the following items:

22 Air packs = \$154,210 (6 Packs = \$36,000). Board budgeted for the purchase of 7 packs.

Repair B-2(rust) = \$1500.

Infer Red Camera for E-2 = \$9000.

Helmets (8) = \$1800.

2 Dual Band VHF = 800 Radios. \$5000

2 Retrofitted Box Lights into a LED flood light = \$700.

5 Regular Box Lights = \$1000.

New 4 Gas monitor = \$1000.

Marketing funding for Non-Emergency transfer business: Discussed whether this was allowable.

3 New Rig Medical Bags = \$600.

Medical Supply Budget for Non-Changeable items from ER = \$800.

Change-Over Lighting on B-1, turn them into LED = \$900.

Change-Over warning lights, over to LED on B-1= \$2500.

New Bedroom Carpet for Station = \$1700.

New Station EMS Jackets \$2500.

PawPaw Inspection of two rigs and cots, mileage and overnight stay = \$500.

Wall Mount Power Washer for Station 1 = \$1399

Furniture for Station = \$2000.

The Board discussed these requests but decided to recess until tomorrow.

Board recessed at 4:00pm until 9:00am February 13, 2014.

### **Budget Session: Day 3**

Board reconvened at 9:00am Friday February, 13, 2015. All Board Members were present.

The Board reviewed and recommended budget on Budget Worksheet. Starting on page 5, line item 101-336-702.00 thru page 10, line 101-999-997.00.

Discussion about payments in lieu of was held. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier for a breakdown of cost/expense for all elected officials health care cost and in lieu of payments. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Clerk Thusat provided the Board with this request.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow Trustees who serve on the negotiating committee to be paid per diem. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Resignation: The Board received a letter of resignation from Scott Stoppa from the Township Fire Department. A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to accepted Scott Stoppa's resignation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and Supported by Trustee Dunckel to adjourn at 2:55pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

**T. Juergen Thusat**  
Alpena Township Clerk