

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

July 6, 2015

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday, July 6, 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, and Dunckel. Absent: None. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda with the following changes: add approval of minutes from 3/31/2015 & 4/13/2015, Under Old Business: 3 Seal Coat Road Projects for Highland Court, Hobbs Dr. and Grant Street to Werth Road, Under Fire Department add: Request to purchase 2 chairs, Jacket and pagers, American Red Cross Shelter Agreement and Class for Honeycutt and Hall in Petoskey. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Supervisor Twite read a letter sent by Maureen & Phillip Sweet about their concerns about the South Bay Corridors (Taking Pride in Alpena) plans as they pertain to The Partridge Point area. Frieda Hirschenberger expressed her concerns and wanted the Board to know that many residents that are opposed to the plan as presented by SBCA for this area.

Presentation: Larry Clark gave a brief update about where the SBA plans. Trustee Dunckel spoke about the process and emphasized that these are just preliminary plans. He encouraged discussion about environmental impact of any plans. Sarah Swider, Frieda Hirschenberger and Becky Sommerfeld all addressed the board about their concerns and wanted the Board to know that many in this area were opposed to any changes. They all were supportive on the efforts along US 23, but didn't support any plan that included the Partridge Point area. Bob Young spoke and stated that this is just the beginning of the process, they are only in the planning & design phase. This study is to provide information about what is possible. Larry Clark spoke about the SBC fundraising efforts and where they currently stood. Bev Bodem, Krista Witulski and Doreen Kraniak all spoke in support of the SBC's effort.

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to approve the minutes for March 31, 2015, April 13, 2015, May 5, 2015 & May 21, 2015 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasurer Diamond to receive and file the following: Alpena Township - Financial Statement and Planning Commission – Minutes – May 11, 2015, Alpena County Road Commission – Minutes – June 2, 2015 and Huron Humane Society – Minutes – June 16, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Road Projects – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to approve the seal coat projects for Highland Court (\$16,000), Hobbs Drive (\$20,000), and Grant Street to Werth Road (\$7,325). Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

### New Business:

PIE & G Electrical Franchise Renewal – Supervisor Twite will review the renewal with the Township attorney and bring it back to the Board.

FOIA Procedures and Guideline – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to adopt the FOIA procedures and Guideline and designate The Township Clerk as the FOIA Coordinator. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Taking Pride in Alpena – Request for Funding – Larry Clark requested \$3000 from Alpena Township. The group is currently \$3,900 shy of the \$30,000 needed for their Grant for Design and planning. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to give Taking Pride in Alpena \$3000 once the group has shown that they have raised the additional money to get them to their \$30,000 goal. This money would come from the Township's Bike Path maintenance fund. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

### Department Reports:

Assessing – Certification Renewal for Kris Lewis. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to send Kris Lewis to a Certification Renewal Class in West Branch on 7/7/2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Building Permits - 14 Building permits were issued for May 2015, generating \$2,577.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 44 permits generating \$15,438.00.

Building Permit – 22 Building permits were issued for June 2015, generating \$5,983.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 66 permits generating \$21,421.00

Electrical Permits – 12 Electrical permits were issued in May 2015 generating \$1,196.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 48 permits generating \$7,032.00.

Electrical Permits – 11 Electrical permits were issued in June 2015 generating \$1,401.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 59 permits generating \$8,433.00.

### Fire Department:

Training Request – Mike Kindt - A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow Mike Kindt to attend Unmanned Aerial Systems training at ACC on Aug 7 & 8, 2015. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasurer Diamond to allow the Southside Fire Station to purchase two chairs cost up \$1000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasurer Diamond for the Fire Department to purchase a jacket for the cost of \$1400. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to send 3 people (Supervisor Twite and Two Firefighters) to Smoke Training Class in Hillman. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasurer Diamond for the purchase of Four (4) 1250 radios for a total cost of \$2400. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Mischley to purchase 6 pagers for a total cost of \$2400 and a programmer for the pager for up to \$55. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Pol, and Fournier. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to authorize Supervisor Twite to sign the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, and Twite. Nays: None.

Water Department:

Gerald Bleau presented the Board with a request to purchase a new open radio line wireless system for the Water Department. The current system is antiquated and causing many false alarms. The cost for the first phase would be \$55,000. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli for the purchase of an open radio line wireless communication system. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to allow Trustee poli to attend the MTA training in Frankenmuth on July 28, 201. Mileage/meals and training to be paid for. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Discussion: Trustee Mischley talked about Water/Sewer rates and how they appear on the bills

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: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. 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 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel 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: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 9:15pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

**T. Juergen Thusat**  
Alpena Township Clerk