

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

February 1, 2016

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday January 4, 2016 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. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Poli to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Under Old Business: add Taking Pride in Alpena Report, Under New Business 2 Departments Reports - Fire Department Report: add Training Request for T. Tolan, 3.add North Point Shores. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Ken Tenniswood addressed the Board inquiring about where we were at in regards to the water issue and lawsuit. Bob Young addressed the Board asking that the Board consider putting money in the budget for grants for Taking Pride in Alpena

Minutes: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to accept the minutes from December 1, 2015, December 7 2015, and December 21, 2015 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to receive and file the following: Alpena Township- Financial Statement, Planning Commission – Minutes – January 11, 2016, Alpena County Road Commission – Road Updates, Bill Payment Proposal – 1121 Bare Point Road - Scot & Bonnie McKenzie, MOA Landfill Board – Landfill Allocation, MSU Extension – Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning Training, Alpena County Board of Commissioners- Road Committee Members.. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Taking Pride in Alpena Report – Larry Clark gave an update about the Public Input Session at the Alpena Mall on January 26, 2016. Made request that the Township consider some resolutions he has presented.

New Business: Remove Recycling Fee - A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to remove Fred Male and Melanie Zetty from the recycling fee list. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Department Reports:

Building Permits - 11 Building permits were issued for December 2015, generating \$4,677.25 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 155 permits generating \$45,697.25.

Electrical Permits – 11 Electrical permits were issued in December 2105 generating \$1,156.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 124 permits generating \$17,028.00.

Fire Department: A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to move ahead with the Plan presented to create a part-time Fire Chief/Training Officer position, appointing Kevin Osbourne to the position and create a Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Inspection position appointing Dave Robbins to that position. Each position would work 3, 8 hours shifts per week. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Request for Training (Revisited) – Clerk Thusat made the Board aware that a previous request for Training by Thomas Tolan included mileage reimbursement for 19 trip for training in Holly, MI, this would cost the Township over \$3500.00 and the Township cannot afford such an expense. Clerk Thusat suggested that the Township inform Thomas Tolan they would pay for a total of 3 trips. Mr. Tolan was present and informed the Board that he had no problem with the proposed change. A motion was made by Clerk Thusat and supported by Trustee Dunckel to pay for a total of 3 trips for training for Thomas Tolan. Motion carried by a 6 to 1 roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: Twite.

Water Department: Gerald Bleau informed the Board that he would like to move forward and purchase the BS&A Software for the Water Department that was budgeted for in this year's Budget. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to purchase the BS&A software program for the Water Department. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

North Point Shores – Lisa Brindle presented the Board with petitions to renew the Special Assessment for North Point Shores. A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Mischley to receive the petitions and move forward with the process. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier to pay the bills, including election workers for upcoming election. 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 Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Communication and Contract Negotiations (TPOAM). 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 Mischley supported by Trustee Dunckel to move into open session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Discussion: Marie gave us the 2016 Road Project estimates.

Adjourn: At 8:35pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk