

ALPENA TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR SESSION – MARCH 06, 2017 - 7pm

MINUTES

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Regular session on Monday, March 06, 2017 at 7 pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe  
Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers  
Clerk Karie K. Bleau  
Trustee Cash Kroll  
Trustee Norm Poli  
Trustee Matt Dunckel

Absent: Trustee Nate Thomson

Others present: Attorney Daniel Florip for Tim Gulden

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion made by Treasurer Ellery Somers and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
None

MINUTES APPROVED: Minutes from February 6, 2017 and February 13, 2017. Motion made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Kroll to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimously vote. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: Alpena County Road Commission – Larry Orcutt gave a presentation regarding the conditions of the local roads and encouraged the Board of Trustees to continue the relationship with the Alpena County Road Commission. The existing relationship with Alpena Township has been that of a matching arrangement with Alpena Township assuming 2/3 of the cost of a project and the Road Commission assuming 1/3 of the cost of the project. For dust control projects, the Road Commission assumes the costs of labor and equipment for preparing the roads for the dust control and Alpena Township assumes the cost of the product that is applied to the roads. Mr. Orcutt estimates that dust control for the 2017 season to be \$25K. Mr. Orcutt also informed the Board of Trustees of the change in legislation from the State of Michigan regarding increased funding that is in place at least until 2021.

Kurt Pratel as a representative of the Long Lake Improvement Association presented information to the Board of Trustees regarding the work that the directors of the Long Lake Association has performed as is demonstrated by the Newsletter submitted to the Board. The Long Lake

Association seeks some financial assistance from Alpena Township for the costs associated with the building of fish shelters in an effort to allow the fish shelter so that they can naturally repopulate and to aid in defraying the cost of the annual walleye planting (\$6000.00).

CORRESPONDENCE: A motion was made by Clerk Bleau and supported by Treasurer Ellery Somers to receive and file the following correspondence: Alpena Township - Planning Commission - Minutes – February 13, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Skibbe informed the Board of Trustees that the two parcels (parcel #'s 011-004-285-00 and 018-110-003-00) have been combined into one and the owner has opted out of Recycling. A motion was made by Trustee Poli supported by Trustee Kroll to remove the Recycling fees for parcel #'s 011-004-285-00 and 018-110-003-00. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Poli, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: Trustee Dunckel. Motion carried.

Supervisor Skibbe informed the Board of Trustees of an upcoming seminar in regarding Supervisor Training in Alpena on March 29, 2017 and that he would like to attend the training. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to pay for the training at a total cost of \$80.00. Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes: Treasurer Ellery Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Skibbe advised the Board of Trustees of the annual MTA conference in Lansing April 11-13<sup>th</sup> and opened discussion for the Board to determine if they want to attend. The Board of Trustees opted to table attending the annual conference until next year as none of the Board members felt that it was prudent to attend this year.

#### DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Skibbe informed the Board of Trustees that Montmorency, Oscoda, Alpena Landfill Authority has given a rebate to Alpena Township in the amount of \$759.77. In the past this amount has been donated back to the MOA Landfill Authority to be reinvested in the facility. Supervisor Skibbe suggested to the Board that the funds be donated back to the facility to be earmarked for a grant match for a bailer that NEMCOG is writing on behalf of the of MOA. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Ellery Somers to donate the funds back to MOA to be earmarked for the grant for a new bailer. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery Somers, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS: Assessing, Building, Fire, Water:

**Fire Department Report – Deputy Chief Robbins**

Deputy Chief Robbins addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the monthly run report for February. He informed the Board of the need for warranty work to be performed on Engine 2 Fire truck in Charlotte. The truck was taken down, the necessary services performed and the truck is returned and back in service. Deputy Chief Robbins reports that 4 of our paid on call staff are in the Firefighter Academy and are in the top 3 percent of the class. Deputy Chief Robbins also informed the Board that Firefighter Tolen's 3 month contract will be expiring March 16<sup>th</sup> and will need to be addressed.

**Water Department - Report – DPW Director Jerry Bleau**

Mr. Bleau presented to the Board of Trustees an accounting of the amounts that have been deposited into the Provisional account since the inception.

He reports that with the City of Alpena's most recent billing it appears that the Township's system currently only has a 20% water loss which is a significant improvement of previous reports.

He informed the Board of Trustees that there have been several service line breaks recently – 2 have been the customer's liability. There have only been a couple of line breaks that have been Alpena Township's liability which is also a significant improvement of previous winter seasons. DPW Director Bleau informed the Board that he has been invited to a 2 day training seminar and plant tour in Minneapolis, MN in April and he would like to attend. There is no cost to Alpena Township other than mileage to get to Grand Rapids, MI. He will present the Board with a formal request and actual costs at the April meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery Somers, Trustee Kroll, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT.** A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Clerk Bleau. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Adjournment at 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Karie K Bleau

Clerk