

ALPENA TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION – MARCH 9, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Special Budget session on Thursday, March 09, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

Present: Clerk Karie K. Bleau
Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers
Trustee Cash Kroll
Trustee Norm Poli

Excused:
Supervisor Nathan Skibbe
Trustee Nate Thomson
Trustee Matt Dunckel

Clerk Bleau announced that Supervisor Skibbe will not be present as he is ill, Clerk Bleau will facilitate the meeting.

Township Clerk Bleau informed the Board of Trustees that she and Township Treasurer Laura Ellery Somers have been working diligently on the revenue portion of the General Fund and are confident the figures that have been presented today are solid numbers.

Clerk Bleau reported to the Board of Trustees that she and Treasurer Ellery Somers have successfully balanced the Tax Fund portion of the budget and have included it in the worksheet for review and approval by the Board.

Clerk Bleau informed the Board that the General Fund portion of the budget had a \$275,000.00 disparity yesterday afternoon and has made recommendations for reducing expenditures in many departments. The Board participated in a great deal of discussion regarding reducing expenditures and agreed to reduce the budgeted expenditures in most departments. However, the General Fund budget still has a disparity of over \$47,000.00.

Trustee Poli suggested that Clerk Bleau and Treasurer Ellery Somers meet with our CPA early next week to get his input on how to move forward with balancing the budget and if utilizing any of the Fund Balance is prudent.

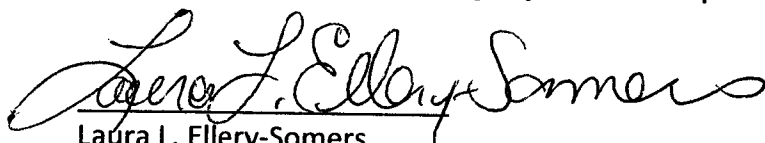
Matt Dunckel arrived.

DPW Director Jerry Bleau addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the Revenue portion of the Water Fund budget (expenditures were discussed at a prior meeting). Mr. Bleau explained his recommendations for revenues of the proposed 2017/2018 FY Water Fund budget and

addressed all inquiries and questions from the Board of Trustees. DPW Director Bleau asked that the description of line item number 592.000.652.000 be changed from "Misc. Non-operating Revenues to "Water Tower Rental Fees". The Board thanked him for his efforts and time and excused him from the session.

The Board of Trustees decided at 3pm to cancel the evening session as it became apparent that continuing to meet beyond this session prior to obtaining advice and direction from the CPA would be futile. Treasurer Ellery Somers directed the staff to post the cancellation and notify the media.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kroll and supported by Clerk Bleau. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laura L. Ellery-Somers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Laura L. Ellery-Somers
Alpena Township Treasurer