

ALPENA TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION – January 31, 2018 – 5:05pm
MINUTES

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Special session on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 5:05pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe
Clerk Karie K. Bleau
Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers
Trustee Matt Duncel
Trustee Cash Kroll arrived at 5:09pm
Trustee Norm Poli

Absent: Trustee Nate Thomson

Others present: Attorney Jim Florip

Media Present: Alpena News – Julie Goldberg

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Kroll to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Skibbe of 130 Channel Road #2 addressed the Board regarding an upcoming training class for Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission members. The class is on March 1, 2018 in Frankenmuth, MI and is presented by the Michigan Planning Commission. She would like the Board to consider sending the ZBA members. The class cost is \$95.00 for ZBA, the class fee for Planning & Zoning Essentials is \$100.00. The cost of the whole day class is \$195.00 per person. A motion was made by Trustee Duncel and supported by Trustee Poli to allow Tammy Thomson and Tom Hilberg to attend the training. The Township will pay for training, mileage and lodging. If either of these individuals are unable to attend, then 2 other people from the ZBA can attend. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Duncel, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Larry Clark of 199 Bear Point Road addressed the Board regarding the recent activities of the South Bay Corridor group. Larry submitted a budget funding request for the 2018/2019 seeking support for the proposed projects that are being worked on by the South Bay Corridor group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Duncel to appoint Steve Dean (term 01/31/18-10/1/18) to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Irma Schuelke's resignation and appoint Jon Kohart (term 01/31/18-10/1/2021) as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Duncel, Trustee Poli, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BS&A – Administration. Supervisor Skibbe addressed the Board about his needs for BS&A access to General Ledger, Assessing, and Building. Treasurer Ellery-Somers informed the Board that the MTA Attorney recommends that the Supervisor have read only access to General Ledger and have access to the Budget options. Trustee Duncel suggested that the Board establish who has what access, the accesses be

set and not altered unless by Board action. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported Trustee Poli to grant overall administrative control of the BS&A program be assigned to the Supervisor with an alternate being Clerk Bleau. Clerk Bleau mentioned that she believes having read information that outlines who should have what access and would like the Board's indulgence to research this and return with information. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: Treasurer Ellery-Somers. Motion carried.

Bravo 2 – D. Robbins. Chief Robbins informed the Board that Bravo 2 has a problem with the fuel pump. The cost of the repairs is \$1,197.00 with R&R. The Chief recommends repairing it from line item 101.336.758.00. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to approve the repair of the fuel pump on Bravo 2. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MOA – Dispersal of Funds. Check for \$919.00. A motion was made by Treasurer Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Poli to send the \$919.00 rebate monies to the Alpena Resource Recovery/NEMCOG for operating expenses. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to move into **closed** session to discuss the water litigation. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Clerk Bleau and supported by Laura Ellery-Somers to move into **open** session. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to approve Attorney Fahey's recommendation as to his approach to settlement and to the City's motions. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Clerk Bleau, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

Clerk Bleau presented information to the Board regarding the proposal for the Water Fund and Public Safety Fund. Additional Budget dates were set: Feb. 15th at 5pm, Feb. 20th 11am.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Kroll to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Karie K. Bleau
Alpena Township Clerk