

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
July 14, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.  
REGULAR MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in Regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Charter Township of Alpena Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, MI 49707.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe  
Clerk Michele Palevich  
Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers  
Trustee Cash Kroll  
Trustee Steve Lappan  
Trustee Matt Dunckel  
Trustee Norm Poli

Absent: None

Others present: None

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken; the following board members were present: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel (teleconference) and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alan Krajniak, 8180 French Road, Alpena commented on the blight issue on French Road.

Gary Parteka, 105 Channel Road 1, Alpena commented on the holes in the bi-path that need repair and requested videos of the Board of Trustee's meeting.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Matt Dunckel to approve the payment of bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 29, 2020 (REGULAR)**

Moved by Trustee Cash Kroll and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence included: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – Thunder Bay Hydroelectric Project, Alpena County Road Commission – June 2, 2020 Minutes and Alpena County Road Commission – County Road Report for May 25, 2020 to June 21, 2020. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**FIRE COMMITTEE – PUMPER ENGINE RECOMMENDATION**

Chief Dave Robbins advised the Board that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new pumper engine were reviewed by the Fire Department and the Fire Committee. A recommendation from the Fire Committee is to purchase a Pumper Engine in the amount of \$471,904.00 less trade in of \$21,000.00. Total amount to be financed \$450,904.00 from Smeal Holdings, LLC (“Smeal”) with association to R & R Fire Truck Repair. Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to move forward with the purchase of a 2021 Smeal Custom Top Mount Rescue Pumper in the amount of \$471,904.00 less trade of \$21,000.00 for a total amount to be financed \$450,904.00 from Smeal Holdings, LLC (“Smeal”) with association to R & R Fire Truck Repair and the Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers will work with the Chief Dave Robbins on financing and to also explore local financing options. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**RFP (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL) – WATER TENDER**

Moved by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to have Chief Dave Robbins prepare 2 Requests for Proposals, one for the remount of water tender (tanker conversion) on the 2008 Freightliner Flatbed and a second RFP for a new water tender. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**FORECLOSED PROPERTIES**

Moved by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to decline purchasing the following foreclosed property: 3443 Lay Rd, 2387 Hobbs Dr, 2259 E LaComb Rd. and 506 S Sheridan St., Alpena, MI. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**NATURE PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020**

Moved by Trustee Cash Kroll and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to approve the Nature Preserve Management Plan 2020 as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Parteka, 105 Channel Road 1, Alpena commented that he would like the complete Board Packet before the meeting.

Alan Krajniak, 8180 French Road, Alpena questioned if others had complained about blight.

**DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the blight issue and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe gave each board member a copy of the list of addresses to review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to adjourn. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 a.m.

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Clerk Michele Palevich

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Supervisor Nathan Skibbe