

Alpena County Chapter – MTA
October 18, 2010
Quarterly Meeting

The Alpena County Chapter – MTA meeting held at Wellington Township Hall was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chapter President Ken Lobert, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Townships: Alpena, Green, Long Rapids, Maple Ridge, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington and Wilson.

Members Present: 26 Commissioners Present: 0

Minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting were read. President Ken Lobert declared Minutes stand approved, as corrected: motion to pay for meeting notices was 2nd by Jerry Lessinger (not Larry Lessinger). Motion by Dick King, 2nd by Lynda VanDusen to accept minutes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report presented by Stan Mischley, showing balance of \$2227.14. Motioned by Ken Gauthier, 2nd by Eric Smith to accept report; motion carried. Motion by Tammy Bates, 2nd by Dennis Liske to pay \$29.67 bill for meeting notices stamps. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Road Commission: Larry Orcutt, Road Commission Manager updated the ongoing projects from last minutes, including the Scott Rd & Leer Rd projects. The Federal Fish & Wildlife Service for culvert replacement has approved Ossineke Twp, and still waiting for Misery Bay approval. Winter plowing is reduced by 3 drivers; pavement rating system shows roads are in fair to poor condition, indicating a need for a maintenance system; and working towards compliance of 6” lettering of street signs.

County Commissioners: No commissioners were present, but Tammy Bates reported they’ve started their Budget process.

911 Committee: No report. Next meeting is Wednesday, 10-20-10 at 1:00 pm.

MTA: Ken Lobert presented report for Ken Gauthier who was absent. Budget is completed by Legislature, with a freeze on revenue shares to 2010 levels. More prison closures are expected with State cuts. MTA PAC promotes Moolenar for 36th Senate;, Pettalia for 106th District, and opposes Proposal #1 for Con-Con. MTA has no stand on Proposal #2, which prohibits running for office with a felon charge within the last 20 years.

Target 2000: by Marie Twite. No general assembly. Executive Committee has met twice a month, still discussing the replacement for Lee Shirey. They’ve been advertising for the position and looking at other options.

Guests, Presentations & Speakers: **Cindy Johnson** made presentation for Glenn Wilson, running for Congress for Independent Party. **Peter Pettalia**, running for 106th district spoke on his behalf, indicating MTA has endorsed his candidacy, and encouraged attendees to vote NO for Con-Con proposal. **Larry Gauthier** (Electrical Inspector), presented updated contracts for Townships, showing a fee increase and eliminating a “3-copy” contract. Township Clerks voiced concern that this elimination would not work, as the clerks need the copies for State Auditing and Assessors information. Each Township will have to vote on the fee structure.

NaTaT: (by Ken Lobert) Michigan had only 26 delegates present: would like to see \$600 exemption tax for firefighters instead of \$360; MTA working in opposition of goods & services tax; MTA asking for Rural Road Safety Project to be increased from \$90 mil to \$2 billion. An update of classes available was presented, with January 26-28, 2011 the date for the Annual Conference in Grand Rapids.

Transfer Station & Recycling: by Eric Smith. The group should be organized by end of month. Three bins at \$4000 were offered to Alpena Twp. Montmorency and Oscoda Counties are not participating. There are 9 bins total, so the other 6 can be distributed. Alpena County needs to act on Inter-Local Agreement to enact a board, then the first meeting will be in November. Eric also spoke on FEMA Insurance program available for the townships.

Next Meeting: to be held at Ossineke Township Hall on February 21st, 2011 at 7 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Dennis Liske, 2nd by John Male to adjourn at 8:05 pm.
Motion carried.

Lisa Timm, Secretary, MTA Alpena County Chapter.
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