

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 28, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
REGULAR MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in Regular session on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Alpena Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, MI 49707.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe
Clerk Michele Palevich
Trustee Cash Kroll
Trustee Russ Rhynard
Trustee Norm Poli
Trustee Steve Lappan

Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers (Excused)

Others present: Attorney Tim Gulden

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers.

AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business item 5. FOPLC – Tentative Agreement and 6. Fire Department – Summit Invoice. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

March 8, 2022 (Regular), March 10, 2022 (Budget), March 22, 2022 (Special)

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Russ Rhynard to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included: Planning Commission Minutes – March 14, 2022. Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Clerk Michele Palevich to receive and file correspondence. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Building Official Kevin Pauly and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe presented the Township Board with an updated Building Permit Fee Schedule. Building Official Kevin Pauly also advised that the fee schedule had not been updated in 7 years. Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve the new Building Permit Fee Schedule effective April 1, 2022, as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Trustee Cash Kroll and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FEE SCHEDULES

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe read the Resolution Establishing Township Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Fees and recommended updating the fees as presented. Moved by Trustee Cash Kroll and supported by Clerk Michele Palevich to approve the Resolution Establishing Township Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Fees and the new fees effective April 1, 2022, as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW SANITARY SEWER & WATER ORDINANCE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe read the Resolution Amending Sanitary Sewer and Water Ordinance Schedule of Rates & Charges and recommended the updated Sanitary Sewer and Water Ordinance Schedule of Rates and Charges as presented. Moved the Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Russ Rhynard to approve the Resolution Amending Sanitary Sewer and Water Ordinance Schedule of Rates & Charges and approve the new Sanitary Sewer and Water Ordinance Schedule of Rates and Charges effective April 1, 2022, as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Norm Poli and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The Township Board was presented with budget adjustments prepared by Clerk Michele Palevich and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Clerk Michele Palevich to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Clerk Michele Palevich, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried unanimously.

FOPLC – TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

The Personnel Committee (Supervisor Nathan Skibbe, Clerk Michele Palevich and Trustee Cash Kroll) informed the Township Board that they have reached a Tentative Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (FOPLC) and recommended approval. Moved by Clerk Michele Palevich and supported by Supervisor Nathan Skibbe to ratify the Tentative Agreement effective April 1, 2022 with the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (FOPLC). Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION INVOICE

The Township Board was presented with a Summit Fire Protection Invoice for required hydro testing of SCBA tanks. Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to approve payment to Summit Fire Protection in the amount of \$536.70 from GL #205-336-727.020, Fire Operational Supplies. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Privilege – Confidential Legal Opinion

Moved by Clerk Michele Palevich and supported by Trustee Norm Poli that the Township Board enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing confidential settlement negotiations with the Township Attorney in the pending litigation involving the City of Alpena Water and Sewer Rates. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Trustee Cash Kroll and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered closed session at 6:27 p.m.

The Board left closed session at 7:29 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Young commented on funding for South Bay.

Larry Clark commented on funding for South Bay.

Katie Wolf commented on a US-23 S bi-path.

DISCUSSION

Trustee Russ Rhynard inquired if our Intent to Apply for water main looping included US-23 S. Supervisor Skibbe advised that it did not.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to adjourn. Voice Vote.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Clerk Michele P. Palevich

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe