

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 24, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, June 24, 2021 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
Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers
Trustee Cash Kroll
Trustee Steve Lappan
Trustee Norm Poli
Trustee Russ Rhynard

Absent: None

Others present: Mayor Matt Waligora
Chief Bill Forbush
Deputy Chief Rob Edmunds

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, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. Absent: None.

AGENDA

Moved by Clerk Michele Palevich and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC INPUT AND QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Marie Twite commented on the building and vehicle maintenance cost.

Dr. Ken Gembel commented on fiscal responsibility concerning the water litigation and entering into a fire services contract.

John Caplis commented on fire department staffing and cost.

Kevin Ginter commented on dedication.

Dave Robbins commented on communication, budget, ad hoc committee recommendation and non-emergency transfer.

Karen Vance commented that tax payers should have a vote.

Bev Banks commented on the audit, contingency fund and supporting a paid-on call department.

Geri Rich commented on staffing, differences in geographic area between city and township, inefficiencies, possible partial contract with city and pay scale.

Tim Moggie commented on paid on call pay.

Matt Gies commented on appropriate staffing for size of township and city.

Trustee Russ Rhynard read a letter from Susan and David Skibbe regarding level of service.

Marie Twite commented on capital assets.

Bobi Sue Kaszubowski commented on the Fire Department.

Kevin Ginter commented on fire engine purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to adjourn. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Clerk Michele Palevich

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe