

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
December 17, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.  
SPECIAL MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 1:30 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 Norm Poli  
Trustee Russ Rhynard

Absent: Trustee Steve Lappan

Others present: None

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**AGENDA**

Moved by Trustee Russ Rhynard and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – STAFFING UPDATE**

Chief Dave Robbins advised the Township Board that he has reached out to Fire Chief Hart in Sanborn Township and Fire Chief Price in Maple Ridge Township regarding extending first responder range, but has not contacted Chief Forbush at the City of Alpena. Chief Dave Robbins also contacted the airbase and there may be some employees willing to cover a 24-hour shift. The Township Board was given a proposed schedule for January, 2021, for covering the Northside Fire Station that would require temporarily closing the Southside Station and a Letter of Agreement from the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1859 Union. Chief Dave Robbins advised the Township Board that three interviews have been completed and two more are scheduled. The Township Board discussed qualifications required for firefighters, EMTs and officers. Trustee Cash Kroll will contact Captain Ken Piper regarding the Letter of Agreement and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe will arrange a meeting between

himself, Chief Dave Robbins, Mayor Matt Waligora and Chief Bill Forbush regarding the City of Alpena's assistance during the staffing shortage.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**DISCUSSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Clerk Michele Palevich to adjourn. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Clerk Michele Palevich

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Supervisor Nathan Skibbe