

REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2012

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2012 at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Dubey, Treasurer Diamond and Trustees: Baker, Dunckel, Mischley and Schuelke. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Schuelke to adopt the agenda presented and add the following: Correspondence: F) Heritage Route 23 and G) County Road Commission Financial Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None.

Presentation: None.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Baker to approve the minutes of special meetings held on March 27th and March 30th, 2012, as presented in typed form. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Schuelke, seconded by Trustee Baker to receive and file the following correspondence: Alpena Township - Financial Report, Burnham & Flower - Group Life Insurance, Department of Treasury - General Property Tax Act Amendment, Alpena County Road Commission - Minutes - April 19, 2012, County Road Report, Alpena Public Schools - Crossing Guard, Heritage Route 23 and County Road Commission - Financial Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse: The supervisor updated the board on the progress of the transfer of ownership of the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse to the Township. The transfer is probably a year and a half away. When the transfer takes place, the Thunder Bay Island Association will still take care of the Lighthouse.

North Point Shores Project Update: The supervisor is still waiting to hear from USDA Rural Development to see if they are willing to fund the project. If and when this approval comes through, the next step would be to hire bond counsel.

Case #P-01-12: Marty Thomson owner of property located at 1010 Long Rapids Road requested a conditional rezone from R-1 to B-1 on parcel 012-017-000-775-00. The Alpena Township Planning & Zoning Board denied the zoning request. The case is now before the township board. Mr. Thomson told the township board that he has owned the lot since 1993. The lot is 2.3 acres. He's even considered donating the lot to Habitat for Humanity, that way he will at least get a tax break. Board members discussed the case. Trustee Baker felt by rezoning the lot, the potential is there for the township to get a new business and tax dollars. Trustee Mischley felt the property owner was asking for too many uses of the parcel. It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to deny the zoning request. Motion failed due to majority roll call vote. Yeas: Schuelke, Dunckel, and Mischley. Nays: Twite, Diamond, Dubey and Baker. After more discussion on the rezoning request it was moved by Clerk Dubey, supported by Trustee Baker to deny the rezoning request as recommended by the Township's Planning & Zoning Board but not agree with the reasons they gave for the denial, which were: a) Incompatibility with surrounding districts b) Traffic concerns c) Against future land use map and comprehensive plan and d) It could set a precedent for future conditional rezoning of vacant property. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Baker and Schuelke. Nays: None. Board recommended that Mr. Thomson reapply to the Planning & Zoning Board for a 2-year conditional rezone.

Road Project Estimates: Larry Orcutt, Managing Director of the Alpena County Road Commission presented the board with estimated costs for road projects for 2012. The projected total for road work was \$106,906.57, chloride will be \$23,600.00 for a total of \$130,506.57. Matching funds available are short by \$3,443.28, this would bring the total cost to Alpena Township of \$133,949.85. It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to table this decision to the special meeting which will be held on May 21, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Spring Regional Meeting: It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to allow Mischley and Schuelke to attend this meeting in East Tawason May 11, 2012, with the township paying registration fees, per diem and mileage. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Letter of Support): It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Clerk Dubey to send a letter on behalf of Alpena Township Board of Trustees supporting the proposed boundary expansion for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve to include waters off Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle Counties. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

American Red Cross (Shelter/Facility Usage Agreement): It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to renew the townships agreement with the American Red Cross to make the Township's premises available for an evacuation shelter in the event of a disaster in the community. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Millage Ballot Request: Supervisor Twite recommended to the board to request 3/4 mill for four years to be used for township drainage issues. This would bring in \$249,628.50 per year. The money would be used for engineering, construction, and management of stormwater runoff to control flooding, erosion, the overburdening of sanitary sewer and/or matching funds for grants. It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Mischley to table until the special meeting on May 21, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Proper language for the ballot question will be drafted by the attorney along with a resolution for adoption.

Huron Beach Association: It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to receive and file petitions received from the Huron Beach Association signed by 51% of the property owners seeking a special assessment district for road maintenance. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The petitions will be checked by the assessing office and certified to ownership.

Department Reports: Building permit reports were presented along with Electrical permits issued, as well as Fire Runs for the North and Southside Stations.

Removal of Paid-on-Call (Kuhna): It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Baker to remove Kelly Kuhna from the townships fire department roster. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A letter of thanks will be sent to her for her years of service.

Internet Access: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Mischley to pay a \$35.00 monthly fee for internet access for the Tough Book Computer for the northside station. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Baker, Schuelke, Dunckel and Twite. Nays: None.

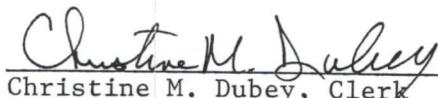
Chain Saw Purchase: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Clerk Dubey to purchase a Stihl chain saw in the amount of \$379.95. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Baker, Schuelke, Dunckel, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None. Chain saw was lost in a fire. Insurance will reimburse the cost of the saw.

Water Tower Lease: DPW Director Heath is still negotiating the agreement.

M-32 Booster Station Project: DPW Director Heath informed the board that the upgrades to the M-32 Booster Station will be done in the near future. He will be working with representatives from the Alpena Readiness Training Center on this project.

Bills: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Clerk Dubey to pay the bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dubey, Baker, Schuelke, Dunckel, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Adjourn: It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Trustee Baker to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.


Christine M. Dubey, Clerk

Marie Twite, Supervisor