

SPECIAL SESSION

March 7, 2013

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Purpose of the special session was to conduct any business on the agenda as well as work on the proposed budgets for the General Fund and Department of Public Works budgets for 2013-14. There was no regular meeting held on March 4, 2013, so the regular item which would have been on the March 4th, 2013, agenda are being taken care of today. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Dubey, Treasurer Diamond and Trustees: Baker, Fournier, Mischley and Schuelke.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to adopt agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Fournier to receive and file the following correspondence: Alpena Township - Building permits for January/February-2013, Electrical Permits Report - January/February-2013, Charter - Changes, Alpena Township Science Fun Day - March 25, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Public Meeting - Peter Pettalia - Road Funding - March 23, 2013 - Alpena Library. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None.

Bagley Street and Werth Road Bridges: Larry Orcutt, Managing Director of the Alpena County Road Commission is applying for 2016 Local Bridge Program funds for rehabilitation of the Bagley Street Bridge and replacement of the Werth Road Bridge over Mud Creek this year. Applications must be submitted every year to be eligible for funding. Mr. Orcutt was seeking a letter of support from the Township Board as well as the Township Fire Department. It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Mischley to send a letter supporting the rehabilitation/replacement of the bridges to the County Road Commission to be included with their application. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Thermal Imaging Cameras: Steven Lappan explained a grant program through the Par Plan. A grant of \$5,000 is available. It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Trustee Baker to authorize the Fire Administrator to apply through the Michigan Participating Plan (Par Plan) for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 toward the purchase of two (2) Thermal Imaging Cameras. Township will pick up \$8,000. Two (2) cameras cost \$13,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution (Way Finding Signs): Steven Lappan asked the township board to adopt a resolution supporting efforts to place Way Finding Signs across from Wal-Mart designating the North River District with arrows showing the way to Besser Museum, ACC and Apex. Signs will also be placed on Bagley and Long Rapids Road. It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Clerk Dubey to adopt this resolution. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Schuelke, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Baker. Nays: None. The township will apply to the State of Michigan for the sign permits.

AZ Builders: Gary Zwolinski wanted to know if something could be done to decrease his property taxes on a home he purchased and is working on, prior to finding a buyer. The supervisor will call MTA and see if there are programs out there for such circumstances. The supervisor also suggested he contact State Representative Peter Pettalia and see if he can do anything through legislation.

Workshop (Planning/Zoning Members): It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Mischley to allow any Planning and Zoning Board member to attend this workshop at the Maritime Center on April 25 and May 2, from 6 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Baker and Schuelke. Nays: None.

Bid Opening (Township Hall Roof Repair): Three bids were received: 1) John's Home Maintenance - \$39,000 2) Infra Red Roofing Technology - \$25,720/Alternative - \$29,028 and DGI Roofing & Building, Inc. - \$15,310.70. It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Clerk Dubey to accept the low bid from DGI Roofing & Building, Inc. as well as get a price on flashing. Bid will be awarded at the March 28, 2013, Meeting. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Baker, Schuelke and Fournier. Nays: None.

Heavy Maintenance Matching Funds: Alpena Townships share of the funds from the County Road Commission is \$32,550. Township must match with \$63,100. Roads to be worked on will be picked out at a later time.

Chloride Program: Chloride for the 2013 fiscal year will be approximately \$19,965.

Road Work Request: Mr. Robert Young of Young's Appliance is seeking improvements to Pearl Road from US-23 through the curve south, approximately 300 feet in length. The estimate to upgrade the segment to a paved surface is \$62,000. Mr. Young is hoping the road can be done on a cost shared basis. The County would pay 1/3, the Township would pay 1/3 and residents and or business owners would pay 1/3. Board may consider the proposal.

Attorney Retainer: Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum, Florip, Smigelski and Gulden submitted their proposal for legal services for 2013-14 fiscal year in letter form. The retainer will remain the same at \$33,120, with an applicable hourly rate of \$180 per hour for litigation, labor negotiations, special projects and for hours in excess of 184 general retainer hours. This same rate has been in effect since 2007.

Taking Pride in Alpena (South Corridor Committee): The Committee was asking the board to designate \$25,000 for Blight Enforcement and \$15,000 for seal coating the entire bike path. Board took no action on request.

Huron Pines (Phragmites): A request for funds to control the phragmites was talked about. Board decided to put \$500 in the budget for this project.

Huron Humane Society: Board members once again agreed to support the Huron Humane Society in the amount of \$6,000 annually.

Board recessed for lunch.

Board reconvened with all members present.

Update Recreation Plan: It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Mischley to update Townships Recreation Plan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Baker, Schuelke, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Lights for Front Sign: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Baker to get new lights for the sign in front of the office at a cost of \$281.13 from Standard Electric. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Baker, Schuelke, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

New Hire: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Clerk Dubey to allow the supervisor authority to place Anthony Escareno on the roster for the fire department once his paperwork comes back favorable. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dubey, Baker, Schuelke, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

After completing items on the regular agenda, board went into budget session.

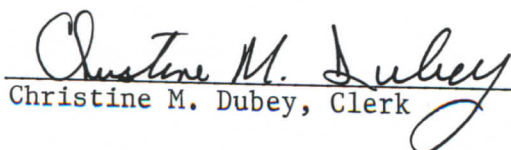
Amend Line Items on 2012-13 Budgets for the General Fund and the Water Department Fund. It was moved by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Mischley to amend any line item on the 2012-13 budgets for the General Fund and the Water Department Fund that were over the original budgeted amount. Amended amount to be actual spent. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Assessing Department Budget Requests: The assessing department asked the board to put approximately \$6,700 into the budget for: 3 Computers - \$3,000 to \$6,000, 3 Office Chairs - \$600 and 1 Calculator - \$100. Computers are working at the present time, but just in case of breakdown the money will be in the budget to get new ones. Board put money in the budget for the items if and when needed.

Building Department Requests: Building Department asked the board to place approximately \$7,800 into budget for: 1 Computer \$1,000, 1 Printer - \$1,000, 1 Chair - \$200 and Code Books - \$1,100. Board put money in the budget for the items if and when needed.

New office chairs were approved for any employee who needs one.

Adjourn: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Clerk Dubey to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.


Christine M. Dubey, Clerk