

REGULAR MEETING

May 6, 2013

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, May 6th, 2013, at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Meeting was opened by the supervisor with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Treasurer Diamond. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Dubey, Treasurer Diamond and Trustees: Fournier, Mischley and Schuelke. Trustee Baker was absent. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Schuelke to adopt the agenda as presented in printed form and add the following items: Under New Business - d) Approve Road Work Contracts as well as Pearl Road. Under New Business: Seminar (Water Department) 3) Halley Road 4) Special Permission (Court Yard) 5) Name a Road and 6) Blight Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Prior to taking comments from the public, the supervisor read the Public Meeting Participation Rules. She asked the public to please abide by the rules.

Thomas Pelkey of 701 Long Rapids Road, thanked the township board for their support of the Huron Humane Society. He asked the boards continued support. The following residents addressed the board concerning blight issues in the US-23 South corridor. Gary Parteka of 105 Channel Road #1, Hal Neiman of 9911 US-23 South, Larry Clark of 199 Bear Point Road, Betty Westrope of 134 Bear Point Road, Robert Young of Presque Isle, owner of Youngs Appliance and Karen Hilla of 120 Channel Road. Township Attorney Florip told the residents it costs a lot of money to pursue a court case on blight. We should enforce the Ordinances we have on the books.

Minutes: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Mischley to approve the minutes of meetings held on: February 14th, March 7th, 8th and 28th, 2013, as presented in typed form. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to receive and file the following correspondence: Alpena Township Financial Report and Alpena County Road Commission - Annual Financial Report - 2012. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Extend Water/Sewer Agreement with City: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to maintain the sewer/water rates at their current levels through December 31, 2013, or until a new agreement is reached, whichever is sooner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Huron Humane Society Agreement: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Schuelke to authorize the supervisor to sign the Impound Facility Service Agreement with the Huron Humane Society in the amount of \$6,000 annually. Motion carried by majority vote. Yeas: Schuelke, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Dubey. Nays: Fournier. Absent: Baker.

Foreclosed Properties (2010 Taxes): It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Schuelke to table any action on deciding on any of the properties located in Alpena Township which are up for auction until the public auction on August 17, 2013. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Road Agreements: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to accept the following road agreements and have the designated members of the board sign the agreements. The following roads will be done: Long Lake Road 7920 feet of seal - \$18,500, Piper Road - 5967 of seal and fog - \$15,973, Part-ridge Point Road - 5800 feet of gravel - \$18,400, Naylor Road - 3500 feet of gravel - \$9,587, Lake Winyah Road - 2300 feet of gravel - \$9,630 and Haken Road - 3400 feet of gravel - \$13,965. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Schuelke. Nays: None. Absent: Baker.

Pearl Road - The estimate for upgrading the stretch from US-23 to the curve (300 feet) will cost approximately \$62,000. Cost will be shared 3-ways. Township will pay 1/3, County Road Commission will pay 1/3 and Robert Young will pay 1/3. Contract was not ready for signatures.

Halley Road - The cost to fix Halley Road is approximately \$30,000. Cost will be shared by Alpena Township 1/3, County Road Commission 1/3 and Alpena Beverage 1/3. Contract was not ready for signatures.

Support of the Guard and Reserve: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to authorize the supervisor to sign a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Rule Training: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Fournier to allow the DPW Director to attend this training on May 23 at Bay City Water Treatment Plant from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Township to pay mileage and meals. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Schuelke, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. Absent: Baker.

Reports: Building Permits, Electrical Permits and Fire Reports were presented in printed form.

Remove Paid-on-Call: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to remove M. Amlotte from the townships roster of paid-on-call members. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Receipt of Funds: Supervisor informed the board that \$10,000 was received from Alpena County toward the purchase of the last ambulance Alpena Township obtained.

Valve for Generator: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to repair this problem in the approximate cost of \$5,000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Schuelke, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. Absent: Baker.

Temporary Authorization (Court Yard): It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Trustee Fournier to authorize temporary Outdoor Service on July 4th, 2013, for the Court Yard. Supervisor will sign the documents, which in turn will be sent to the Liquor Control Commission. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Name Road: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to name the old D&M Railroad Grade, D&M Drive. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Blight Ordinance Discussion: Trustee Fournier felt the board should sit down and go over the Blight and Dangerous Building Ordinances, paragraph by paragraph and see if we can improve what we have and delete what isn't working. After some discussion Trustee Fournier said she would go on line and check on Ordinances other government units have.

Designate Funding for Reviewing Ordinances: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to make sure money is placed in next years budget so that the Ordinances can be reviewed and if needed new ones drafted and reviewed by Township Attorney. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Schuelke, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None. Absent: Baker.

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

Rule 408.17401: This rule was adopted on April 17, 2013, which prescribes rules for training, for the construction, care, and use of equipment; and for the safeguards to be furnished and maintained as it relates to municipal fire service personnel and equipment. The occupation can be full-time or part-time; for pay or volunteer status. The Fire Administrator and Captain Hall will review the Rule and how it will affect Alpena Township and bring their findings to the board.

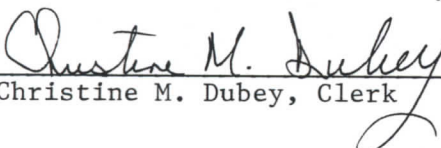
Close Session: It was moved by Trustee Schuelke, seconded by Clerk Dubey to close the session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Schuelke, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Dubey. Nays: None. Absent: Baker.

Open Session: It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Trustee Fournier to open the session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Schuelke. Nays: None. Absent: Baker.

Letter of Agreement: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Clerk Dubey to authorize the supervisor to sign the letter which formalizes in writing the procedure which will be used regarding a temporary twenty-four (24) hour shift Sergeant EMT/FF position. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Schuelke and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Baker.

Rockport Park: The Department of Natural Resources is asking the township to turn over their portion back to them, now that the rest of the land is designated a State Park. The supervisor will try and negotiate for a trade on several pieces the DNR has on Partridge Point and on the Narrows. Supervisor will report back to the board on her discussions with the DNR concerning the parcels.

Adjourn: It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.


Christine M. Dubey, Clerk

Marie A. Twite, Supervisor