

Special Meeting

September 9, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a special session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 2:00pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Treasurer Diamond, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Poli, Fournier, Mischley and Dunckel. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Twite added two items, under Old Business, request to purchase Ambulance, and under New Business - Department Reports – Water Dept. – Wayne Road project. It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to adopt the agenda with noted changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Mischley to approve the minutes for 8-04-2014 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Treasurer Diamond to receive and file the following: Alpena Township- Tax Rate Request – 2014, Bureau of Land Management – Conveyance of Lighthouse Structures, Huron Humane Society _ Minutes – August 19, 2014 and Alpena County Road Commission – Road Report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: M-32 Verizon Tower Lease Amendment – Our attorney has reviewed it and said it was alright to sign. A motion to sign the amendment was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ambulance Request: Supervisor Twite asked for permission to purchase an ambulance from White Lake Township. The asking price is \$8000. The Fire Dept. has agreed that this would be a good vehicle to purchase. Supervisor Twite would like authorization to spend up to \$8000 to purchase the Ambulance. She will try to get it for less but wants to be authorized for up to \$8000 just in case she can't get it for less. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to authorize Supervisor Twite to spend up to &8000 for the ambulance. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, and Dunckel. Nays: None.

New Business: Department Reports:

Building Permits - 15 Building permits were issued for August 2014, generating \$8073.00 in fees for the month and a year-to-date total of 86 permits generating \$115,799.25.

Electrical Permits – 17 Electrical permits were issued in August 2014 generating \$1983.00 in fees and a year-to-date total of 77 permits generating \$15,427.00.

Fire Department: The firefighters would like to purchase a new washer for the Fire station on US 23 N. The one they have broke and needs to be replaced. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasurer Diamond authorizing the Fire Department to purchase a new washer. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, and Poli. Nays: None.

Water Department: Jerry Bleau informed the Board that the bids had come in for the Wayne Road project. The lowest bid came in just under \$70,000. The Board had approved \$65,000 and he would like the Board to approve the bid since it came in higher then what was approved. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel approve the lowest bid. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, and Fournier. Nays: None

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasurer Diamond to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Communications/Pending Litigation. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote: Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, and Twite. Nays: None.

Open Session: Motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley to move into open session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to approve the recommendation made by the township attorney in the closed session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli to move into close session per employee request. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

Open Session: Motion made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier to move to open session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Dunckel to discharge employee Shawn Muszynski. Motion carried by majority 5-2 vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Twite and Mischley. Nays: Diamond and Fournier.

Withdraw approval to attend training: A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Fournier with rescind approval for S. Muszynski to attend training in October. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Fournier to keep the water dept. summer employee on until we have advertised and filled the newly opened position. Motion

carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat.

A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Treasure Diamond to pay the water bill with the changes presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Discussion: Supervisor Twite let the Board know that there will be a retirement party for Erica Dean on September 12, 2014, and the Board members are invited to attend.

Employee Interviews: Three individuals were interviewed for the open firefighter position. Tom Tolen, Lee Srebnik and Mike Kindt, were all interviewed. Each was asked about their background and previous work experiences. Comments were made about how each individual was very qualified for the position and how it was hard to decide because we could only hire one. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Poli to hire Mike Kindt for the position. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Poli, and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Dunckel.

Adjourn: At 4:25pm a motion to adjourn was made by Treasure Diamond and supported by Trustee Fournier. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk