

REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Trustee Fournier. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Dubey, Treasurer Diamond and Trustees: Fournier, Mischley and Dunckel who came in at 6:50 p.m. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Fournier to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Purpose of the 6:00 p.m. session was for the residents of the township to voice their opinions and discuss the City of Alpena's unified water/sewer system proposal. Residents who spoke against the unified system were business owners, land lords and private home owners. Residents speaking were: Linda Woodruff, 630 Thunder Bay Avenue, Sue Wagner, 606 Thunder Bay Avenue, Peter Hunter, 120 Foxboro, Rich Gillespie, Elmer & Beverly Blemke, 2330 Grant Street, Elbert Heath and David DeKett, 1068 Hinckley Boulevard. All the residents felt they were going to be paying for the city's debt, including the recent meters they purchased. Residents felt Alpena Township's system is much newer, compared to the city system which is around 80 years old. Trustee Dunckel researched the idea of unified systems. His research found that promised savings don't normally materialize, but costs do increase. Dunckel felt by turning over the system, the township would lose control of its own infrastructure. Township Attorney Florip further explained what the city has proposed. Part of the proposal was to replace all the township meters. Florip referred to the rate agreement that was in effect and he as well as the board hoped to extend. The agreement was in effect since 1988. Alpena Township was a wholesale customer. The township only pays for portions of the city system that they use. The township in turn charges the residents the wholesale rate and adds in operational expenses. The city on the other hand just charges their residents the wholesale rate. All this boils down to several factors: 1) New meters didn't increase the income for the City, in most instances it brought it down and 2) The city was not charging their residents the additional operational expenses, only the wholesale rate. Florip stated that Greg Sundin, City Manager basically gave the township an ultimatum, we want a unified system and if you don't agree we will raise the rates to the township by 62%. The township then would have to pass that increase onto the township residents. With no further input the public comment session was closed.

Minutes: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Fournier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6, 2014 and the special meeting held on January 15, 2014, as presented in printed 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 Intergovernmental Road Commission - Minutes - January 8, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

United Water/Sewer System: Board members will discuss the proposal at the Budget Sessions.

Appoint Trustee: The three candidates were at the meeting and each introduced himself and spoke on their qualifications. Candidates were: T. Juengen Thusat, Norman Poli and David DeKett. All three candidates were previously interviewed by the board. The individual selected must run in the August and November, 2014, Elections. It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to appoint Norman Poli to fill the vacancy created upon the resignation of Gary Schuelke. Motion carried by majority vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckle. Nays: Fournier.

Budget Sessions: Board will meet in special session on Thursday, February 27th and Friday, February 28th, 2014, at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Sessions will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing Date: The Budget hearing will be held on Monday, March 31st, 2014, at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

Proclamation: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Fournier to adopt a resolution proclaiming April, 2014, as Social Host Awareness Month. Resolution declared adopted by unanimous vote.

Year End Electrical & Building Permits: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to accept the reports as printed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Building Permits - 2 permits were received in December for a total of \$577.75, Construction value - \$48,000. Fees collected year to date \$35,315.75, Total permits issued - 153 and total Construction value year to date - \$4,754,700. Electrical Permits - 4 permits were received in December, Township share - \$83.60. Fees collected year to date - \$18,670, Permits issued year to date - 158, Townships portion of year to day fees - \$3734.20.

Fire Run Reports: Year end totals for fire runs and medical runs were received in printed form.

Maple Ridge Service Agreement: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to enter into an agreement between Maple Ridge Township and Alpena Township. Maple Ridge Township agrees to pay \$2500.00 for start up services for the MDNR building at 4343 M-32 West, which includes installing heat, telephone, computer, garage door openers, door locks and manpower. Starting April 1, 2014, \$2500.00 per year will be paid by Maple Ridge Township for equipment usage and manpower to provide services to the Thunder Bay Village area. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Air Compressor: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Dunckel, to purchase a Ingersoll Rand, 80 gallon, 5 horse power, 230 volt, 2 stage air compressor from Tractor Supply at a cost of \$1,099.99. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. The old compressor will be salvaged out, unless the DPW has a use for it.

MDNR Grant: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to authorize the supervisor to apply for this grant in the amount of \$2479.00 for jumpsuits, boots, gloves and rakes. Township must purchase the items and in turn send in documentation and then the Township will be reimbursed. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Annual Training: The supervisor distributed a roster of individuals who attended or did not attend the mandated annual training. The individuals who did not attend must complete all courses by May 1st, 2014, to be in compliance with the state recommendations.

DPW Requests: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to allow DPW Director Bleau to attend a Cross Connection Seminar in Lansing on February 27, 2014, at a cost of \$95.00, also the 2014 MRWA Annual Conference in Bellaire on March 19th through the 21st of 2014, at a cost of \$583.00. Township to pay registration fees, meals, lodging and mileage. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

DEQ Distribution Certification: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to allow Gerald Bleau, Shawn Muszynski and Scott Stoppa to take the exam at a cost of \$70 per exam. Township to pay fees, mileage, meals and lodging if applicable. Bleau and Stoppa will go to the May 1st, 2014, session and Muszynski will go to the November 5th, 2014, session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Dubey. Nays:

S-2 Certification Class: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to allow Muszynski to take the S-2 exam contingent upon his completion of the mandated courses which are required and were offered at the township and he did not attend. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Dunckel. Nays: None.

DPW Director Addresses Board: DPW Director Bleau reported to the board on the activities in the DPW Department. He is holding a Safety Training session every week. There are eight fire hydrants which are inoperable. He feels he may be able to repair some of them. There would be a repair cost involved. He is

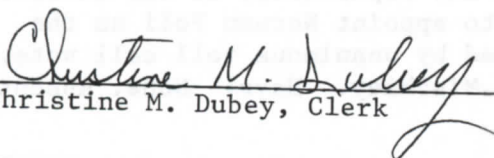
familiarizing himself with all the towers, pits and stations.

Advertise for Election Workers: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Poli to run an ad seeking election workers. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Hydrants & Green Signs: Board members are asking residents to help in keeping fire hydrants and green signs clear of snow. Township employees can't keep up, especially with the heavy accumulation of snow we are getting this year.

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

Adjourn: It was moved by Trustee Poli, seconded by Treasurer Diamond that we do adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.


Christine M. Dubey, Clerk

Marie Twite, Supervisor