

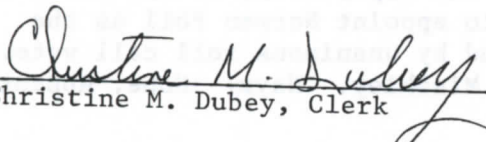
familiarizing himself with all the towers, pits and stations.

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, Duncel 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 Duncel to pay the bills presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Duncel, 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

#### BUDGET SESSION

February 27, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Purpose of the special session was to work on the proposed budgets for the General Fund and the Department of Public Works for 2014-15. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Dubey, Treasurer Diamond and Trustees: Fournier, Mischley and Poli. Trustee Duncel was absent. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Public Comment: None.

Water/Sewer Rate Discussion: Attorney Florip and board members discussed the city's proposal in increasing the water/sewer rates by 62%. Florip talked with Attorney William Fahey who is a well respected attorney who represents townships in legal matters. Attorney Fahey stated that he read the townships contract they have with the City of Alpena and he said they had a Cadillac of a contract. Board talked about the press release they were about to release. The press release states the contract is still in effect. The contract states in no event shall the contract be terminated upon expiration unless there be other adequate sources of water supply or sewage treatment available to the township or that can be feasibly developed or purchased. The township also states in the release the city overcharged the township by \$1,717,350, by not giving the township 6 years worth of total volume figures. It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Poli to issue the press release as printed regarding water/sewer issues. The position stated in the release is the official position of the Alpena Township Board of Trustees. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Dubey. Nays: None. Absent: Duncel.

Engage Attorney: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to engage the services of Attorney Fahey in the water/sewer contract issues. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Poli. Nays: None. Absent: Duncel. The supervisor is authorized to sign the engagement contract.

Correspondence: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Fournier to receive and file the correspondence: Alpena Township - Building Permits for January, 2014, Electrical Permits for January, 2014, PI&G - Natural Gas Update, Alpena County Road Commission - Minutes and Michigan Liquor Control Commission - Long Lake Supermarket, LLC. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None.

Fire Department (New Hires): It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Trustee Fournier to hire Jamie L. Smith (EMT) and Jason Jon Reece (Firefighter). Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Absent: Duncel.



Meeting Cancellation: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Diamond to cancel the normally scheduled meeting of March 3, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The board will be meeting on, March 31, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. for the Budget Hearing and any other items on the agenda.

Remove Recycling Fee: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to remove the \$10 recycling fee from parcel 018-103-854-045-00. The trailer located on the parcel burned. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None. Absent: Dunckel.

Board of Review Appointment: The supervisor informed the board that she had spoke with Gerald Fournier and he was interested in serving on the Board of Review. It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Trustee Mischley to appoint Gerald Fournier to serve on the Board of Review. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Planning Commission: Upon the recommendation of the supervisor, it was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to appoint Norman Poli as the liaison to the Planning Commission. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None. Absent: Dunckel.

Request for R-O-W Permit: It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Trustee Poli to accept the request and issue a Telecommunication Permit to Lynx Network Group. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dubey, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None. Absent: Dunckel.

Board recessed until 1:30 p.m.

Board convened at 1:30 p.m.

Trustee Dunckel came in at 2:00 p.m.

Dental/Optical (Trustees): It was moved by Trustee Fournier to allow the Trustees to receive the \$700.00 stipend per year for Dental/Optical Reimbursement. Motion died for lack of support.

Amend Line Items on 2013-14 Budgets: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to amend any line item on the 2013-14 budgets for the General Fund and Water Department that were over the original budgeted amount. Amended amount to be actual spent. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Heavy Maintenance Matching Funds: Alpena Townships share of matching funds from the ACRC is \$45,570. If the township were to utilize the matching funds available they would have to match with \$91,140. Some of the projects have already been selected and contracts will be signed when received. Board will match the funds. Projects will be named in the future.

Chloride Program: Chloride for the 2014 fiscal year will be approximately \$20,000.00.

Attorney Retainer: Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum, Florip, Smigelski and Gulden submitted their proposal for legal services for 2014-15 fiscal year in letter form. The retainer will remain the same at \$33,120, with an applicable hourly rate of \$180.00 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.

Huron Pines (Phragmites): Board put \$300.00 in the budget for the control of the invasive specie phragmites.

Huron Humane Society: Board placed \$6,000.00 in the budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Post Audit Report: The supervisor is researching minutes on the last time this was discussed and established.

Target Alpena (Funding Request): Board members discussed the request and declined to act.

Alano Club (Building Permit): It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to waive a building permit fee for the Alano Club for improve-



ments to be made to the building. The township owns the building and the members of the club will do the work at their expense. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Dubey. Nays: None.

Grass Cutting Ordinance: Board declined to establish such an ordinance. When a situation arises such as someone not mowing their lawn and complaints are received, the supervisor sends a letter asking the resident to cut his grass. In certain circumstances, if the resident is handicapped or elderly, the water department personnel have been known to cut the grass.

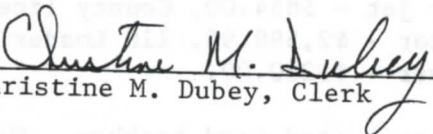
Noise Ordinance(Frant Aube): Frank Aube by letter asked the board to create a Noise Ordinance. The supervisor explained to the board what she does in circumstances where complaints are received. She personally goes out and talks to the individual creating the noise and in most all cases the problem is solved. Board declined to create a Noise Ordinance.

Northeast Michigan Children's Behavioral Health Initiative: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Fournier to support the UofM School of Social Work in conducting the evaluation and the UofM Flint School of Management in conducting the ROI and cost-benefit analysis. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This four county, child focused project has the immediate aim of improving the behavioral health of children 0-12 in our service area by implementing four components: 1) Establishing a system of care, 2) Creating a Children's Advocacy Center, 3) Parenting education and 4) Inserting school based (behavioral health) clinics in school's.

Alpena to Hillman Trail (\$20,000): Board members talked about spreading the \$20,000 over a four or five year period of time. Trustee Mischley felt he needed to know who the other paying partners were going to be and if all partners were willing to pay their share. Board will discuss at a later date when more information is obtained.

Board worked on the General Fund Budget for 2014-15.

Adjourn: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Clerk Dubey to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

  
Christine M. Dubey, Clerk

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Marie Twite, Supervisor

#### BUDGET SESSION

February 28, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in special session on Friday, February 28, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Purpose of the special session was to work on the General Fund and Department of Public Works Budgets for 2014-15 fiscal year. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Dubey, Treasurer Diamond and Trustees: Dunckel, Fournier, Mischley and Poli.

Resignation: Clerk Dubey read her letter of resignation, effective June 1, 2014. It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to accept the resignation and have the supervisor draft a resolution thanking her for her years of service. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Dunckel. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Advertise for Clerk Position: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Fournier to advertise for the Clerks position. Trustee Poli added a friendly amendment to Dunckel's motion to have the supervisor draft the ad as she normally did in the past and advertise for six days in the local newspaper. Amendment accepted by Dunckel. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Fire Department Budget Discussions: Captains, Hall, Honeycutt, and Piper were present along with John Clements. Each had different items they were going to discuss pertaining to needs and wants of the fire department.



Supervisor left at 9:30 a.m. to attend a funeral in Posen. Clerk appointed Trustee Mischley to chair the meeting.

Fire Department Budget Discussions: Captain Hall discussed ten items: 1) Line item for a fire truck and ambulance - Board took out Fire Truck Replacement and put in Vehicle Replacement for Ambulance. 2) Used computer for watch room at station #1 - Trustee Mischley had one he would be willing to donate. 3) Fire Inspection program (revenue source) - Maybe use a volunteer. 4) Keeping shift work to 24 hours (Obamas 30 hour limit) - Will stay at 24 hours. 5) Properly utilizing the unused shift work - May use at some point. 6) Manpower issues and staffing - Have the same manpower as in 1972. 7) ISO Tanker Shuttle Study - Will conduct the study in 2014 to obtain the certification for the tanker. 8) Aerial/Ladder Truck - Looking for a used one. 9) A hiring eligibility list - Will be done. 10) Rescue 2 paint repair - \$1400.00 will do this repair. Captain Piper spoke on items he felt were needed in a prioritized level from 1 to 3. Out of the fifteen items on the list the board approved immediate purchase of a 40-foot ladder at a cost of \$1800.00. Board also approved the following items be placed in the budget: Outdoor flood light in front and rear of station #1 - \$250.00, Ice Rescue Class for Department - \$2,000.00 and Hose rack for station #1 - \$300.00. Trustee Dunckel suggested that the high priority items should be lumped together, a total amount needed and brought back to the board. He felt the township could borrow the money, pay back over a period of time, like we are doing with the fire truck. Supervisor came back at 11:30 a.m. John Clements requests for station #3 (M-32 West): The total for his needed equipment was approximately \$5,000.00, and was put into the budget. Supervisor told the board that she was applying for a grant for the Air Packs - \$90,300 and the Power Stryker Cot - \$14,000. The grant is due in September, 2014.

Board recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Board convened at 1:30 p.m.

DPW Budget: Gerald Bleau, DPW Director and the board members worked on the 2014-15 budget. Director Bleau had the following items he wanted to discuss for the DPW. Sewer jet repairs, T1510 Ford Tractor - 110 Loader and bucket, County Line Landscape Rake, Used backhoe, Fire hydrant replacement (8) and Leak detector.

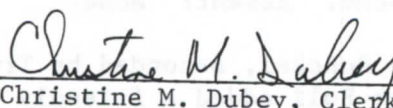
Approved Items Put in Budget: Repair of the sewer jet - \$854.00, County line landscape rake - \$399.99, Locating and Leak detector - \$2,599.95, 110 Loader to fit T1510, Woods Backhoe - \$7500.00 and Finish Mower - \$3200.00.

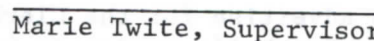
Backhoe: Director Bleau felt the township could use a good used backhoe. He felt he could possibly save the township \$40,000 on maintenance on the sewer/water system. Last years maintenance came in at \$203,000. Board members felt this was a good idea and told Bleau to start looking for a good used backhoe. Board members and Bleau finished the budget for the DPW.

Bills: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to pay all bills for February, 2014, and March 2014, ending the fiscal year. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Table Fire Department Items: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Fournier to table the fire department equipment needs until the Captains and Supervisor get together and determine priorities on need items. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

  
Christine M. Dubey, Clerk

  
Marie Twite, Supervisor