

Building Permits: 4-Permits were issued in February for a total of \$675 in fees with a total for construction value of \$76,900.

Electrical Permits: 6-Permits were issued for a total \$716 in fees, townships share being \$143.20.

New Hire (Shane D. Dawson): It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to authorize the supervisor to process Dawson. He has no experience in fire fighting. Will need all the training. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

New Hire (Kevin Osbourne): It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to authorize the supervisor to process Osbourne. He has all related credentials, he worked for the City of Alpena prior to his retirement. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

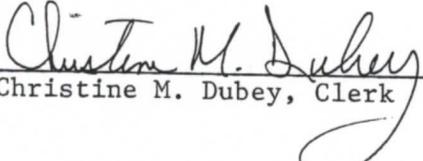
Intern (Andrew Thornton): It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to put Andrew Thornton on as an intern on the Alpena Township Fire Department. The intern position is for 102 hours. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

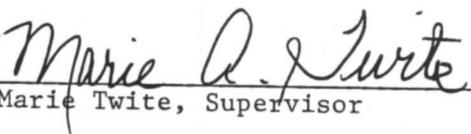
Resignation (Kevin MacArthur): MacArthur sent a letter of resignation as of April 6, 2014. He has accepted a job as a firefighter for the City of Detroit. It was moved by Trustee Poli, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to accept his letter of resignation and send him a letter thanking him for his services to Alpena Township. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ladder Truck: Captain Hall, addressed the board informing them of a ladder truck he had looked at for a cost of \$5,000. He felt the board should hold off on purchasing the 2-40 foot ladders until the truck is looked at and or to see if the ladders can be placed on the trucks the township now has. The supervisor will go and check the truck out in the near future.

Bills: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to pay all the bills presented for year end March 31, 2014, and also pay all the bills for April, 2014, since the board will not have a meeting until May 5, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Adjourn: It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.


Christine M. Dubey, Clerk


Marie Twite, Supervisor

REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2014

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, Alpena, Michigan. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Mischley. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Dubey, Treasurer Diamond and Trustees: Poli, Fournier, Mischley and Dunckel. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda as presented and add the following items: Under Correspondence: Grand Opening of Dunhams. Under Old Business: 2014 Road Projects and Under New Business: Purchase of Loader to fit T150 Tractor and purchase of Wire Welder. Open Hours at M-32 Fire Station and Closed Session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Gary Parteka, representing "Taking Pride in Alpena" group informed the board and the media in attendance that May 31st, will be designated cleanup day for the US-23 South corridor. Eric Precord will have a street sweeper clean the roadway, and volunteers will be asked to cleanup what the sweeper can't get to. Volunteers are being asked to bring flat shovels, brooms and 5-gallon buckets.

Larry Clark also spoke on behalf of the group and gave out the 2014 Preliminary Planning Schedule. Flowers will once again be planted in flower pots along the corridor. Hydrants will also be painted along with poles and signs. Hal Neiman is developing banners for businesses to display reading "Sanctuary of the Great Lakes - Welcome to South Bay Corridor". Some trim on several homes and businesses will also be painted.

Introduction (Candidate for 106th District): Robert Kennedy introduced himself to the Township Board as well as the residents in attendance. He is a resident of Alcona County, a retired school teacher of 38 years and a Union Negotiator for 20 years. He is a Democratic candidate seeking the nomination for the 106th District.

North Point Shores Special Assessment Project: Edward Czarnacki, Treasurer of the North Point Shores Special Assessment Project presented the board with nine additional signed petitions in favor of the S/A Project. Eight of the petitions had to be signed by a spouse and the ninth was an additional yes, that was mailed in late. There are enough signatures to warrant going forward with the S/A Project. The next step in the process is to schedule a public hearing.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to approve the minutes of meetings held on March 28th and March 31st, 2014, 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, Consent Stipulation - HD Development of Maryland, Inc., Huron Humane Society - Minutes - March 25th and April 15th, 2014, Alpena County Road Commission - Annual Financial Report - 2013, Alpena Area Wide Clean-up Day - May 17, 2014 and Grand Opening of Dunhams. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Water/Sewer Rates: A letter was received from Greg E. Sundin informing the board of the new water/sewer rates which will be phased in over a 2-year period. The letter also states that the township will not be a wholesale customer. The new rates effective May 1, 2014, will be: Water - \$4.57 per 1,000 gallons and Sewer \$5.17 per 1,000 gallons. Effective May 1, 2015, rates will be: Water - \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons and Sewer - \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons.

Adopt Resolution: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Poli to adopt a Resolution rejecting City of Alpena's Water and Sewer Rate increases to Alpena Township as contained in the City Manager's notice of April 14, 2014, continue to engage in good faith negotiations with the City of Alpena seeking resolution of this matter City/Township water and sewer rates and forward a copy of the resolution to the Alpena City Manager. Resolution declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Appointment of Township Clerk: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to appoint Stanley Mischley as Alpena Township Clerk to serve the remaining term of Christine M. Dubey who resigned as of June 1, 2014. Motion denied by majority roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier and Mischley. Nays: Twite, Diamond, Dunckel and Poli. Dubey reclused herself from the vote. It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to appoint T. Juergen Thusat to fill the vacancy. Motion carried by majority vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dunckel and Fournier. Nays: Twite and Poli. Dubey reclused herself from the vote. Mr. Thusat will come in on May 19th, 2014, after giving his employer a two week notice.

Paintball Park (Name Change/Address Aquisition): It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Mischley to change the name to Township Sports Field and acquire an address from the tax equilization department. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Property is located on West Long Lake Road. Parcel is owned by the Township.

Road Projects for 2014: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Mischley to do the following gravel road projects: 1) Misery Bay - 4000 lineal feet 2) Partridge Point Road - 2450 lineal feet, Naylor Road - 1700 lineal feet, Truckey Road - 2200 lineal feet and Haken Road - 3800 lineal feet. Pearl Road \$20,000 and Wayne Road - \$55,670 over a 3-year project plan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

PIE& G Franchise Election: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee

Dunckel to place the Franchise question on the November 4, 2014, General Election. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Long Lake Lights Festival (Fire Works Permit): It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Fournier to authorize the supervisor to apply for a fireworks permit on behalf of Long Lake Lights Festival upon the contingency the group brings in a proof of liability insurance. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Thunder Bay Lighthouse Property Line: Sue Skibbe asked the board to accept a line of demarcation thereby accepting the lighthouse structures and surrounding land in Town 30 North Range 10 East Section 3 representing 43.08 acres. It was moved by Clerk Dubey, seconded by Trustee Fournier to approve using the East-West Section line on Thunder Bay Island as the line of demarcation. The township board would thereby accept the lighthouse structures and surrounding land in said description. In addition, the township board would consider acceptance of additional land in Town 31 North if said lands meet the townships preservation, management and interpretive goals. A letter will be sent to Carol Grundman, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, stating these facts. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Lakeshore Energy (Change Natural Gas Companies: Board discussed the new company seeking the township as its customer. There would be some savings. Board decided to stay with what we have.

MTA Regional Meeting: It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to allow any board members who wishes to attend this session being held at the Alpena Sanctuary Inn, on May 29th, 2014, to do so. Township to pay per diem, registration fees and mileage. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: None.

Building Permits: 2-Permits Issued, Fees of \$553.50, Total fees collected year to date - \$4958.00. Construction value year to date - \$547,900, with 9-permits issued year to date.

Electrical Permits: 2-Permits Issued - Total fees collected \$1094.00, Townships share - \$218.00. Townships portion of fees collected year to date - \$574.00.

Training Request: It was moved by Trustee Poli, seconded by Trustee Fournier to allow John Clements to attend 3-Classes which will be held at CRTC at a cost of \$659.36. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Dubey. Nays: None.

4th of July Pay (Seguin): It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Mischley to authorize the supervisor to sign the letter of understanding stating Mr. Seguin will get his Holiday Pay on July 4th, 2014, but will not be working it. Board will hire a new firefighter by June 28th and have him/her on board to work the July 4th, 2014, Holiday. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Interviews: Interviews will be held within the next 2-weeks for the position of full time firefighter to replace James Seguin.

Resignation (Christopher J. Stephens): It was moved by Treasurer Diamond to accept the resignation with regrets from Christopher J. Stephens, seconded by Trustee Poli. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The supervisor will send a letter thanking him for his service to Alpena Township.

Remove from Roster: (McFadden): It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Treasurer Diamond to remove McFadden from the townships roster for paid on call firefighters. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ladder Truck: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Fournier to purchase the ladder truck and do some remodeling to store the truck in the DPW garage at a cost of \$16,000. Truck and needed repairs if any - \$10,000 and \$6,000 for remodeling. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Open Hours (M-32 Firestation): It was moved by Trustee Mischley, seconded by Trustee Dunckel to host an Open-Hourse at the M-32 West Fire Station and the Township to purchase hot dogs, chips and pop to be served to the visitors.

Motion carried by unanimous vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None. Mr. Clements will be inviting the surrounding Townships as well as the City of Alpena.

Water/Sewer Loss Comparison Report: DPW Director, Gerald Bleau was at the meeting to discuss DPW issues and seeking purchases for his department. Mr. Bleau addressed sewage loss. He found there was a 20% loss in the sewage billed versus purchased. He felt this is still based on people infiltrating into the system with ground water, broken lines not being fixed in a timely fashion, fire hydrants leaking and maintenance needed on valves. He will be staying on top of these issues and will attempt to bring the infiltration to 15% or less. Bleau also explained the expense involved in cleaning out the 5000 gallon holding tank on Michigan Avenue. He had to replace a 6-6" gate valves, 3-6" check valves, install new sump pump, dehumidifier, 1-30 hp pump, rewire new pumps and install new electrical to meet code. Total cost was \$13,514.00 including overtime for his two men.

Wire Welder: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Clerk Dubey to purchase a wire welder in the amount of \$150.00 for the water department. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Loader: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Trustee Poli to purchase a 110 Loader to fit T1510 tractor in the amount of \$4300.00 from Don's Tractor & Equipment Sales. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

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

Close Session: It was moved by Trustee Dunckel, seconded by Clerk Dubey to discuss issues pertaining to client attorney privileges. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Dubey. Nays: None.

Open Session: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Clerk Dubey to open the session. Motion carried by unanimous roll vote. Yeas: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey and Dunckel.

H.J. Umbaugh & Associates: Attorney Florip explained why attorney William Fahey attorney working on behalf of the township along with Florip on the proposed water/sewer rates the City of Alpena will impose on the township. It was the recommendation of Attorney Fahey that the township enter into an agreement with the recommended firm. The firm of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates would provide a scope of services for the purpose of reviewing and providing comments related to the purchase of wholesale water and sewer service by the Client from the City of Alpena.

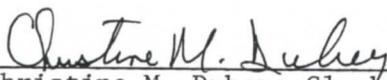
Letter of Engagement: It was moved by Trustee Fournier, seconded by Trustee Mischley to authorize the supervisor to sign a letter of engagement with H.J. Umbaugh & Associates as outlined in the agreement for a fee of \$3,000.00. The review will start June 1, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Dubey, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Clean Up Day: Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 17, 2014, from 8 a.m. to ?

Interviews: Captain James Seguin will be retiring in June after 25 years of service. The supervisor will schedule interviews of qualified candidates for the position in the very near future.

Open House (Dunham's): Friday, May 9th, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. will be the ribbon cutting ceremony for Dunham's.

Adjourn: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond, seconded by Clerk Dubey to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.


Christine M. Dubey, Clerk

Marie Twite, Supervisor