Board of Trustees Special Meeting

November 14, 2016

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a special session on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 10:00am at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US-23 North, in Alpena, Michigan. Roll call found present: Supervisor Twite, Clerk Thusat, and Trustees: Poli, Fournier and Mischley. Absent: Treasurer Diamond and Trustee Dunckel. Attorney James Florip was also present.

Adopt Agenda: The Purpose of the meeting was a Joint meeting with the Fire Department Officer.

Supervisor Twite informed the Fire Department Officers that the meeting was scheduled as an open meeting but if they preferred it could proceed as a closed meeting at their request. They declined to make such a request and the meeting proceeded as an open meeting.

Chief Kevin Osbourne addressed the Board with some concerns about actions being taken by the Full-time and paid-on-call firefighters. He expressed that these actions were creating a hostile work environment for the workers and for the Chief and Deputy Chief. These actions have resulted in a number of resignation by some of the paid-on-call personnel and most recently the resignation of the Deputy Fire Chief last week. Chief Osbourne expressed concerns that the full-time firefighter did not seem to want to be managed and have not responded to his attempts to manage the Department.

At 10:30am Trustee Mischley left.

Discussion was held about these concerns and the direction that the Township Fire Department has taken. It was decided, and agreed upon by the Firefighters, that Chief Osbourne would meet with all the full-time and paid-on-call personnel and try to get things moving in a positive manner. He will report back to the Board in December.

Adjourn: At 11:10am a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk

Approved @ November 22, 2016 Special Meeting

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Alpena Township Clerk effective Nov. 20, 2016