

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

January 4, 2016

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in a regular session on Monday January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm 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: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Under Old Business add: b) Taking Pride in Alpena Report, Under New Business 4) Departments Reports, Fire Department Report add: Officer Training Request and Restructure of Fire Department. Under Water Dept. Report add: Basic Water Class – J. Bleau. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Scott McKenzie requested that the agenda item under Water Department – Report – Bill Payment proposal – 1121 Bare Point Rd- Scot & Bonnie McKenzie be removed from the agenda because the issue had been resolved.

Minutes: December 7, 2015 – Tables so members could review and act upon at next meeting.

Correspondence: It was moved by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to receive and file the following: Alpena Township- Financial Statement, Comments and articles – Water/Sewer Input Session. – Alpena County Road Commission – Road Updates. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League – Dane Werth addressed the Board concerning the property for the League. He would like to work with the Township to help develop the property to suit their needs. A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Dunckel to give Supervisor Twite the authority to move forward with the sale of the property. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Taking Pride in Alpena Report – Larry Clark reported that they would be having a Public Input Session at the Alpena Mall on January 26, 2016 at 7:00pm. Trustee Dunckel expressed interest in speaking as a citizen at the session.

Michigan Blight Elimination Program – Larry Clark stated that funds are available for Blight Elimination projects. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Fournier to give Supervisor Twite authority to work with Taking Pride in Alpena to move forward with searching for and trying to obtain any grant funds available in the Michigan Blight Elimination Program.

New Business: Board of Review Training – A motion was made by Trustee Mischley and supported by Trustee Poli to allow all members of the Board of Review to attend the training in

Alpena, on February 23, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli and Fournier. Nays: None.

Alpena Public Schools – Request for Summer Property Tax Collection. A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Dunckel to deny APS request for the Township to collect a Summer School Property Tax. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier and Twite. Nays: None.

Request Reduction in Building Permits Fees – J. Ponte. Attorney Florip advised that the Township could not grant such a request.

Department Reports:

Fire Department: Request to Form Committee- A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond to form a 6 member Fire Committee, made up of Trustee Poli, Supervisor Twite, Clerk Thusat and 3 members selected by the firefighters. This committee would work on the issue concerning the structure and a possible Fire Chief. Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Twite and Mischley. Nays: Fournier.

After the vote it was decided that the Committee would start work next week. The date will be determined by member's availability.

Contract Negotiations – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli for Supervisor Twite, Trustee Poli and Attorney Florip to start negotiations with Local 1859 IAFF. Motion carried by 6-1 roll call vote. Yeas: Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Twite, Mischley and Diamond. Nays: Fournier.

Training Officer Resignation – A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Mischley to accept the resignation from Training Officer Mark Hall and send a letter thanking him for his service as Training Officer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Training Officer Appointment. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Clerk Thusat to appoint Kevin Reamer and Kevin Osbourne as Training Officers. Motion carried by voice vote.

Request for Training – A motion was made by Trustee Fournier and supported by Trustee Poli to approve the request from John Clements & Thomas Tolan for Officer's training. Township will pay for classes & mileage. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond and Thusat. Nays: None.

Water Department: Request to attend Training – A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Mischley to allow Supervisor Twite and Gerald Bleau to attend MWEA Seminar in Lansing on February 2, 2016. Township will pay for mileage and lodging. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yea: Poli, Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat and Dunckel. Nays: None.

Request to attend Training. A motion was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Trustee Poli to pay for mileage & class for Gerald Bleau to attend Electrical Training in Gaylord on January 20, 2016. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Fournier, Twite, Mischley, Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel and Poli. Nays: None.

Payment of Bills: A motion was made by Treasurer Diamond and supported by Trustee Dunckel to pay the bills. 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 Mischley and supported by Treasurer Diamond to move into closed session for Attorney/Client Privileged Communication and Contract Negotiations (TPOAM). 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 Mischley supported by Trustee Dunckel to move into open session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Yeas: Diamond, Thusat, Dunckel, Poli, Fournier, Twite and Mischley. Nays: None.

Adjourn: At 8:20pm a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Diamond. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

T. Juergen Thusat
Alpena Township Clerk