

ALPENA TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL SESSION – JANUARY 12, 2017 - 7pm
MINUTES

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Special session on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7 pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe
Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers
Clerk Karie K. Bleau
Trustee Cash Kroll
Trustee Norm Poli
Trustee Nate Thomson
Trustee Matt Dunckel

Absent None
Others present: Attorney Tim Gulden

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion made by Clerk Bleau and supported by Trustee Kroll to adopt the agenda with changes – presentation from 1010 Technology and contract proposal for the firewall is deleted and the reappointment of Dave Robbins to Deputy Fire Chief is added. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk Bleau informed the Board that the TPOAM union contract does not address the Township's obligation to fund the employees' health savings accounts beyond the end of 2016. The Union President disclosed that he was informed by the previous Supervisor that monies were budgeted for this expense and that it would be funded – the meeting minutes do not reflect this information. Clerk Bleau also informed the Board that the union contract for the Fire Department does specify that those funds would be paid into the full time firefighter's health savings accounts in 2 payments – one in January and the balance in July 2017. Motion made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Thomson to fund and disburse the Health Savings account for the TPOAM union employees in full one payment for 2017. Future funding will be determined during contract negotiations in May 1, 2017. Roll call vote. Ayes: Trustee Poli, Trustee Thomson, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Skibbe addressed the Board regarding reappointing David Robbins to the Deputy Fire Chief position with the same contract conditions as was in his contract from Feb 1, 2016. Motion made by Trustee Thomson and supported by Trustee Poli to rehire David Robbins to the Deputy Fire Chief position and extend a contract with the same conditions as his previous contract with the term beginning Jan 23, 2017 through Jan 22, 2018. Roll call vote. Ayes: Trustee Thomson, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Poli to adjourn supported by Treasurer Ellery- Somers. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm