

ALPENA TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL SESSION – January 17, 2018 – 5:30 pm
MINUTES

The Alpena Township Board of Trustees met in Special session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Alpena Township Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Media Present: WATZ – Bruce Johnson
Alpena News – Julie Goldberg
WBKB – Elijah Baker

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Treasurer Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Poli to adopt the agenda with the addition of NOAA Film Festival information added to Correspondence. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Town Hall Meeting Notice - January 18, 2018. NOAA Film Festival Jan 24-28, 2017. A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Duncel to receive and file all correspondence. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Negotiation Team - Water Litigation. The Board of Trustees agreed that the Negotiating Team will consist of two trustees, the supervisor and an alternate with legal counsel participating in all meetings. DPW Director Bleau will need to be in attendance at some of the meetings at the request of the Negotiating Team. A motion was made by Trustee Kroll and supported by Trustee Thomson to have Trustee Poli and Trustee Duncel serve as the negotiating team for the Water Litigation for possible settlement meetings with the City of Alpena. Trustee Kroll also agreed to serve as an alternate. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Poli, Trustee Thomson, Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Duncel, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Set Budget Dates. Supervisor Skibbe provided the Board of Trustees options for scheduling budget meetings. The Board of Trustees agreed to the following dates: Jan. 27, 2018 @ noon-5pm, Jan. 31, 2018 @ 5pm, and Feb. 15, 2018 @ 5pm.

Fire Committee Recommendation. Fire Committee Chair Thomson recommended seeking bids for an audit to be performed on the Non-Emergency transport portion of the financials. Thomson further related that the expectation of the audit is to determine if the funds from the Non-Emergency Transport portion of the income is being recorded in the appropriate location.

Trustee Poli shared that the CPA who just completed the audit has agreed to challenge the data that will be provided by the Fire Department. With further discussion, the Committee's recommendation is to have all of the income/expenses related to the Fire Department be subject to the audit. A motion was made by Trustee Thomson and supported by Trustee Poli to allow the Fire Committee to seek bids to audit the financials of the Fire Department. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Trustee Thomson, Trustee Kroll, Trustee Dunckel, Trustee Poli, Supervisor Skibbe. Nays: Clerk Bleau, Treasurer Ellery-Somers.

Charter Township - Potential Meeting Dates. Charter Exploration Committee Chair Trustee Dunckel proposed a meeting to be scheduled Jan. 25, 2018 @ 3pm.

Policy & Procedures Committee - Recommendations/Input. Supervisor Skibbe informed the Board that the recommendations and input from the Board members need to be submitted to the Chair of the Policy & Procedure Committee, Trustee Kroll, for review and consideration of the recommended modifications by the Committee so that the manual can be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees. Clerk Bleau and Treasurer Ellery-Somers submitted their input and recommendations to Trustee Kroll at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Poli and supported by Trustee Thomson to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Karie K. Bleau
Alpena Township Clerk