

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 22, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
REGULAR MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in Regular session on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:40 p.m. at the Charter Township of Alpena Offices, 4385 US 23 North, Alpena, MI 49707.

Present: Supervisor Nathan Skibbe
Clerk Michele Palevich
Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers
Trustee Steve Lappan
Trustee Cash Kroll
Trustee Russ Rhynard

Absent: Trustee Norm Poli (Excused)

Others present: Attorney Tim Gulden

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. due to technology issues, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken; the following board members were present: Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. Absent: Trustee Norm Poli.

AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to accept the agenda as presented with the following changes: Old Business- Table B. Fire Department (update), New Business – Table 1. Upcoming Public Input Sessions and add 2. F & V Operations – Michigan Lift Station. Voice Vote. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Johnson commented that the unmute feature was not working.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve the payment of bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Steve Lappan and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Trustee Norm Poli: None. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES
February 9, 2021 (Regular) & February 9, 2021 (Budget)

Moved by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Trustee Russ Rhynard to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included: Alpena County Equalization Department – 2021 Tentative Ratios and Factors. Moved by Clerk Michele Palevich and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to receive and file correspondence. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 146
(PRESQUE ELSE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP FRANCHISE)

Attorney Tim Gulden presented proposed Ordinance No. 146, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Franchise with the amendment to Section 9 to the Township Board. Moved by Trustee Russ Rhynard and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve Ordinance No. 146 granting Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op the right to conduct a local electric, broadband and communication business in the Charter Township of Alpena for a period of 30 years. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Trustee Norm Poli. Motion carried unanimously.

F & V OPERATIONS – MICHIGAN LIFT STATION

The Township Board was presented with a memo from Catherine Winn of F & V Operations and 3 quotes for replacement of a pump at the Michigan lift station. Ms. Winn recommended the Township approve the quote from Kerr Pump & Supply, the lowest quote. Moved by Trustee Cash Kroll and supported by Clerk Michele Palevich to accept the quote from Kerr Pump and Supply in the amount of \$21, 975.00 to be paid from GL # 592-100-754.000, Maintenance on System, for the replacement of a pump at the Michigan lift station. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Russ Rhynard and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Trustee Norm Poli. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Johnson and Chief Dave Robbins asked when the Fire Department budget would be addressed.

DISCUSSION

Trustee Russ Rhynard commented on opening the meetings to the public.

Trustee Steve Lappan inquired about having a live link on the agendas being sent to the Board.

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe clarified that the Fire Department update and Public Input Sessions will be on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting and that the special meeting on February 23, 2021, the Township Board will discuss the DPW Budget and potentially General and Public Safety Funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Russ Rhynard and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to adjourn. Voice Vote.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Clerk Michele Palevich

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe