

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 10, 2021 –11:00 a.m.
REGULAR MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in Regular session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.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 Norm Poli
Trustee Russ Rhynard
Trustee Steve Lappan

Absent: Trustee Cash Kroll (Excused)

Others present: Attorney Tim Gulden

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Parteka commented on Fire Department, blight and the water/sewer litigation.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

**MINUTES
July 26, 2021 (Regular)**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included: Alpena Power Company – Hearing Notice, Alpena County Road Commission – Minutes, July 13, 2021, Alpena County Road Commission, - Turnbull Mill Public Hearing and Alpena Road Commission County Road Report 07/05/21 – 07/25/21. Moved by Clerk Michele Palevich and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to receive and file correspondence. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Clerk Michele Palevich advised that 5 candidates have been interviewed for the Fire Chief position and the Personnel Committee is in the process of evaluating the candidates. Supervisor Nathan Skibbe informed the Township Board that Ryno Scholtz would be submitting his report by the end of business day August 10, 2021 and he would be at the next regular board meeting to review.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 147 (BLIGHT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT)

Attorney Tim Gulden presented proposed Ordinance No. 147 that would strengthen the Township’s enforcement of blight. Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Russ Rhynard to adopt Ordinance No. 147 to amend section III (“VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES”) of Ordinance No 137, the Township’s Blight Ordinance, in order to improve the ordinance enforcement procedures. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Russ Rhynard, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Trustee Cash Kroll. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PENALTY CHARGE FOR DELINQUENT WATER & SEWER ACCOUNT

Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and Attorney Tim Gulden presented the Township Board with a resolution that a penalty charge equal to 10% of the outstanding amount owed be added to each water and/or sewer bill that has not been paid on or before the 15th day of the month in which it comes due. Attorney Tim Gulden read the resolution aloud. Moved by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Clerk Michele Palevich to adopt the Resolution Establishing Penalty Charge for Delinquent Water and Sewer Accounts as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Russ Rhynard and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: Trustee Cash Kroll. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Parteka commented on blight.

Larry Clark commented on legacy cost for bi-path, blight enforcement and a millage for parks and recreation and law enforcement.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe informed the Township Board that the application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds has been successfully submitted and that the State has not finalized rules. The Township’s auditor has also been included in the process. A special meeting may be called regarding hiring a Fire Chief.

Per Trustee Russ Rhynard's request, Attorney Tim Gulden explained the procedure for enforcing blight.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to adjourn. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Clerk Michele Palevich

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe