

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 11, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
REGULAR MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in Regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 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 Cash Kroll
Trustee Steve Lappan
Trustee Matt Dunckel
Trustee Norm Poli

Absent: None

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 Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe.

AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Matt Dunckel and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Moved by Trustee Matt Dunckel and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to approve the payment of bills as presented. Trustee Steve Lappan question the invoice for legal services and Supervisors Nathan Skibbe and Trustee Steve Lappan will review charges for water litigation. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

JULY 14, 2020 (REGULAR)

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Matt Dunckel to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included: State of Michigan – DTE Gas Hearing, Alpena County Road Commission – Notice of Public Hearing – Meyers Road, Alpena County Road Commission – Notice of Public Hearing – Begland Drive, Alpena Power Co. – Notice of Opportunity, State of Michigan – Alpena Power Company Hearing, Alpena County Road Commission – July 7, 2020 Minutes and Alpena County Road Commission – County Road Report – June 22, 2020 to July 26, 2020 Report. Moved by Trustee Matt Dunckel and supported by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers to receive and file correspondence. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

FLEIS & VANDENBRINK CONTRACT

Blair Selover and Katherine Winn of F & V Operations were present to answer any questions the Board of Trustees had regarding agreement for full operation and maintenance of water and sewer systems. Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll that the agreement be approved with an effective date of Monday, August 17, 2020. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – F & V OPERATIONS/FOPLC

Moved by Trustee Matt Dunckel and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to approve a Letter of Understanding between the Charter Township of Alpena and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council regarding contracting the services of F & V Operations as presented. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY – CARES ACT

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe presented the Board with a copy of the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program Application Packet Round One, July 7 -17, 2020 application period.

COUNTY EQUALIZATION – ASSESSOR

The Board and Assessor Kris Lewis discussed House Bill 6049 of 2018 that requires all counties in Michigan to have a contract with a state approved designated assessor by December 31, 2020.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT – R & R FIRE TRUCK REPAIR

The Board was advised that R & R Fire Truck Repair’s hourly rate will increase \$13.00 to \$105.00 effective September 1, 2020.

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Privilege – Water Litigation

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Norm Poli that the Township Board enter into closed session in order to discuss confidential water litigation with the Township’s attorney. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The board entered closed session at 11:55 a.m.

The board came out of closed session at 12:56 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Privilege – Confidential Written Legal Opinion

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Matt Dunckel that the Township Board enter into closed session in order to discuss confidential written legal opinion with the Township’s attorney. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers, Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The board entered closed session at 12:59 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 1:48 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers to adjourn. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Clerk Michele Palevich

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe