

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 22, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
SPECIAL MINUTES**

The Charter Township of Alpena Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, October 22, 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 Norm Poli
Trustee Matt Dunckel

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. Absent: None

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW SIGNATURE CARDS

Moved by Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and supported by Clerk Michele Palevich that as of Friday, October 9, 2020 at 12:01 p.m. all current township bank deposit resolutions be revoked: and that the necessary township officials to include: Treasurer Laura L. Ellery-Somers, Clerk Michele P. Palevich, Deputy Treasurer Rhonda Himes and Deputy Clerk Kelly Kujawa by authorized to execute new bank deposit resolutions with PNC Bank, mBank and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, naming Charter Township of Alpena Treasurer and Clerk and their deputies as authorized agents. 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. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously

BUILDING OFFICIAL

Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll for the Board of Trustees to discuss the Township’s Building Official’s work performance and whether disciplinary action -up to and including termination – should be taken by the Board of Trustees. 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. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The Township Board reviewed a packet of documents from the Township Personnel Committee which included complaints from residents and contractors, along with related documents. Supervisor Nathan Skibbe noted that the packet includes documentation related to matters involving Kevin and Wendy Dault, Mary Jo Datema, Brenda Fournier, Shelly Neumann, Bill Yaklin, Brian Donakowski, Benjamin Misiak, and alleged insubordination by Building Official Kirk Malcomson toward Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. Supervisor Nathan Skibbe informed Building Official Kirk Malcomson that he may address these matters and the question of whether the Township Board should take disciplinary action against him. Building Official Kirk Malcomson then read a prepared statement. Supervisor Nathan Skibbe then confirmed that the Township Board and Building Official Kirk Malcomson had no additional questions or comments regarding Mr. Malcomson’s employment. Moved by Trustee Norm Poli and supported by Trustee Cash Kroll to terminate Building Official Malcomson’s employment for cause, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken. AYES: Trustee Cash Kroll, Trustee Matt Dunckel, Trustee Norm Poli, Trustee Steve Lappan, Clerk Michele Palevich, Treasurer Laura Ellery-Somers and Supervisor Nathan Skibbe. NAYES: None. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Privilege – Water Litigation

Moved by Trustee Steve Lappan and supported by Trustee Matt Dunckel 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: 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. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The board entered closed session at 11:15 a.m.

The board came out of closed session at 12:57 p.m.

CANCEL BOARD OF TRUSTEE’S MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2020

Motion by Trustee Cash Kroll and supported by Trustee Norm Poli to cancel the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on October 26, 2020. Voice Vote. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe gave the Board a report of Alpena County Road Projects for the Charter Township of Alpena and advised matching funds were available.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Matt Dunckel and supported by Trustee Steve Lappan to adjourn. Voice Vote. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Clerk Michele Palevich

Supervisor Nathan Skibbe